

## Letter from the Honorary Chairperson



Greetings,

On behalf of the State of Maryland, I would like to invite you to participate in One Maryland One Book, Maryland's first-ever statewide community reading project. I was delighted to be asked to serve as Honorary Chair for this momentous project because it offers an opportunity for residents in communities around the state to reconnect by opening dialogues with one another.

This year's selected book, *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League* by Ron Suskind, is one that broaches topics relevant to our daily lives, such as race, class and educational achievement. I encourage you not only to read it, but also to talk to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about how the issues in the book relate to your community, our state and our country.

Spearheaded by the Maryland Center for the Book, this project is only possible due to the involvement of many community partners and the support of our sponsors, whom we heartily thank for their support. Please join me and many other Marylanders in this reading project by going to your local public library to check out a copy of *A Hope in the Unseen*. I hope that it spurs conversations and thoughts to make this world a better place.

Thank you for being a part of this very special project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie O'Malley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie O'Malley  
*First Lady of Maryland*

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