

# Holiday Helping Hand

Less than 5 miles from our office rests Main Street, Ellicott City. A popular hangout for tourists and locals alike, Main Street is home to numerous small businesses, restaurants, and museums. This spring, the area suffered a devastating flood that caused significant damage to many historic buildings. This is the second flood of this nature to take place in recent years.

This holiday season, we want to support our Ellicott City neighbors as they do their best to recover once again. We hope our contribution will provide some small peace of mind as they rebuild.



Buildings damaged by one of two "thousand-year" floods to hit Ellicott City, MD since the summer of 2016.

We are also making two donations to organizations helping our Earth and our community:

**Pinnacles National Park Foundation** raises funds to support Pinnacles National Park programs that are not completely covered by the Park's budget. This includes the ongoing efforts to re-establish a healthy breeding population of California Condors. A special thank you to Jennifer Westphal for all of her help in making our trip to Pinnacles earlier this year a success!

**Grassroots** is a local organization that provides 24-hour services to people in crisis. While we strive to care for our environment every day, they strive to care for the health and well-being of our community, and we cannot thank them enough.

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Just a reminder that our office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays. Have a Happy New Year!

## Adventure Awaits

Many years ago, Christiane Howey recognized MTI needed office support and was determined to find someone with great organizational skills and an infectious can-do attitude. So, when her longtime friend, Bonnie Davis Hopkins, retired (for the first time!) from her managerial role at Verizon, Chris quickly cut her retirement (very) short and offered Bonnie an opportunity to utilize her enthusiasm and drive to make a difference—exactly what she has been excelling at for the past 14 years. We are all going to miss your initiative, Bonnie! But we are excited to vicariously follow along on your next adventures. We promise to let this retirement last a little longer!

### What are you planning to do in your retirement?

My husband and I would like to travel. We're looking at taking a European river cruise next year, and we want to finish visiting all 50 of the United States—I only have 4 left on my list (Oregon, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Idaho). And while we're out west, we'd like to go back to some of the National Parks.

### What are some fun memories you have from your time with the company?

I really enjoyed the conferences and trips we took as a team. Especially our trip to California in the spring; that one was certainly the most exciting for me, as I organized the trip and was very excited to see condors and meet people I've long known via the phone. I also loved to rearrange the front office. The differing roles the staff took on required us to shift things around every so often and it was fun figuring out where the desks, furniture, and people would be resituated.

I do believe that working with the young people here has kept me young because there's always something new to learn! I will miss seeing the familiar friendly faces on a regular basis.

In addition to being a close friend to the Howey family, Bonnie is much loved by the whole MTI family. We wish her nothing but the best in her retirement and offer our sincerest thanks for many years of dedicated work and guidance.

*Bon voyage!*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO HARD-WORKING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CELEBRATING SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES OF BEING ON THE MTI TEAM

**25** CATHY  
YEARS  
AT MTI

Many of our customers are familiar with Cathy through friendly phone and email correspondence. She is always ready to assist a customer in need!

**10** RORILYN  
YEARS  
AT MTI

Rorilyn is a master with a paintbrush. Her positive attitude keeps our office upbeat and her precision skills keep our transmitters looking polished!