

Hello ladies and gentlemen, my name is Trinia Holt, I am a freshman attending a HBCU in Baltimore City. 50th year anniversary of hiphop service changed my life. It makes me look at hiphop as more than just dance, music, etc. Hip Hop is a call to action. Through hip hop we can express the need for change in our communities just as this event had. The experience to see how many people gave clothing items to give away to the homeless was impactful! Multiple people brung big bags full of clothing items (mainly hoodies and coats because it was cold). This was so joyful to see. Also not only to see the people of the community giving but to see the joy and hope in the unhoused was a different feeling that left me speechless. They were so grateful to see that they were able to receive new clothing items to keep them warm during the cold seasons. I could tell by their faces; we gave them a sense of hope and joy. This overall experience makes me want to become a change agent or an activist for the people who cannot speak up for themselves. Doing things for the community and advocating for a community who is unhoused to give them help, hope, love, aid etc. is something I stand by. The leaders of this generation will carry out the expectation Hip Hop has of advocacy for those who cannot advocate for themselves. We teach each other and also the new generation what hiphop really means.