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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 - A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! SAVE THE DATE FOR CMR'S 2019 ANNUAL GALA

"Broaden the Reach," is the theme for CMR's 2019 Gala which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Lakewood Country Club. Along with the usual fun and excitement, this Gala will include a special announcement - a new name for CMR! Be there for the unveiling and celebrate with us!

With this change, some important aspects of this event will remain the same. CMR has enjoyed the support of Catherine Leggett as chairperson of our Gala for over five years and we are thrilled she agreed to continue in this role in 2019. Once again, she will be joined by Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice as Emcee and Auctioneer. Together, they do an amazing job of building the energy of the room.

The evening begins with a reception and silent auction of close to 200 items spanning a range of values. Can't make the full evening? Tickets are available for the reception and auction only. A seated dinner, live auction, short program, and music played by the Decades Band follows - and will include the "Announcement!"

This event has sold out for the past five years so register early to guarantee your seat. One change in 2019 is a discounted rate when purchasing ten tickets for a full table of seats. Ticket and sponsorship information and purchase can be made online at [Broaden the Reach](#).

More information about Sponsorship opportunities and other ways to get involved are available by contacting [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#), 301-637-0172.



GALA TICKETS

SPRING SEMESTER OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE BEGINS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5th

For over 25 years, CMR's Language Outreach Program (LOP) has been providing classes in English as a Second Language (ESL). In addition to excellent teachers who

are prepared and creative in working with adult students as they master English, CMR's program includes free child care and homework assistance for the children of students. This is a very important advantage. It negates one of the issues that can keep students away from class (no one to watch their children). Student's children also receive assistance from staff and volunteers that understand English and can therefore better help answer homework questions. For the children who are not yet in school, this may be the first real opportunity they have to hear and learn English themselves.



LOP's spring semester of ESL will begin on Tuesday, March 5th. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at four locations in Rockville and Aspen Hill. Classes start at Beginner and run through Advanced levels, are very inexpensive, and can be offered on a sliding scale for those who cannot afford the modest class or book fee. The semester ends on June 20th and will be followed with a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 21st.

For additional information about the upcoming semester, please contact LOP's Director, [Cecilia Rojas](#), 301-251-2136.

MANSFIELD KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC HAS ADDITIONAL SPECIALISTS AND IS ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Since 2009, CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic has supported residents of Montgomery County who do not have health insurance with quality, affordable health care. In addition to primary care, the Clinic offers specialty services. New specialists have joined the Clinic this year due to the generosity of medical specialists here in Montgomery County who offer their services pro bono.

Currently, the Clinic offers behavioral health, endocrinology, gastroenterology, gynecology, internal medicine, and podiatry specialists. Other specialists are being considered. As one of the Montgomery Cares clinics, and the relationships the staff has built, Kaseman Health Clinic can refer patients to other specialists in Montgomery Cares, at Shady Grove Adventist and other medical facilities throughout the County. A Clinic patient navigator helps find reasonably priced or free medical services outside Kaseman Health Clinic as needed. Through CMR's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, and a special fund at the Clinic, at times financial assistance may also be available for some procedures.



The Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic currently has openings for new patients, both those who do not have health insurance, and those insured with Maryland Medicaid. In addition, the Clinic accepts walk-in patients from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Please share this information with those who might benefit from these services.



A reminder - the cost of each patient visit averages \$200. With reimbursement from the Montgomery Cares Program, and from those patients who can afford to pay the average (sliding scale) co-pay, the Clinic is reimbursed approximately \$100 for each visit. It relies on the generosity of supporters to make up the \$100 for each of the annual 3200+ patient visits.

To make an appointment at the Kaseman Health Clinic, call **301-917-6800** between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. For more information about how to support the Clinic and its mission to provide quality, culturally appropriate medical care and preventive services, contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#), 301-637-0172.

A BEAUTIFUL WINTER CONCERT, A NEW LOCATION, STRONG SUPPORT FOR ROCKVILLE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For many more years than any of us remember, the Rockville Chorus has invited other choral groups to join them in offering a February concert to benefit CMR's

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP). This year, the group was joined by their sister organization, the Rockville Singers, as well as Heart of Maryland and the Takoma Park Singers.

This year, for the first time, the concert was held at Rockville United Church. A number of singers asked that we hold it at Rockville United Church again in 2020 as the acoustics were so good. All four groups provided beautiful performances - fun and show tunes from the Heart of Maryland; a mix of music including an African themed song through the Takoma Park Singers that had the audience clapping; and music from many different eras performed by the Rockville Singers and Chorus whose members have an amazing vocal range. The final piece, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," was performed as an ensemble of all the members of the four groups.

The audience seemed to really enjoy the event and many asked when the next concert would be held. In addition, the event was a successful fundraiser for CMR's [REAP](#). REAP protects Rockville residents from eviction and utility shut off with emergency financial assistance paid directly to the landlords and utility companies. It also offers referrals to eligible Montgomery County residents for food, clothing, dental or vision care, and computers. Financial assistance for prescriptions and necessary medical care, as well as information about other human services rounds out the services this important program provides.

Look for information late in 2019 with date and location for the 2020 Rockville Chorus concert to support CMR's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program.



CMR's FAVORITE QUOTE FOR FEBRUARY 2019

From the New York Times February 18, 2019 edition, Opinion by David Brooks, "A Nation of Weavers"

**" 'We don't do things for people.
We don't do things to people.
We do things *with* people,'**

said a woman who builds community for teenagers in New Orleans."

A NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC CONCERT TO SUPPORT CMR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

Can't make it to the CMR Gala on April 27th? Love music but a dance band is not your flavor? Want to support CMR but putting on "fancy dress" hinders your enjoyment? We have the event for you!

The National Philharmonic Chorus returns to play their annual Spring concert at Christ Episcopal Church to support CMR! Unfortunately, it is being held the same evening as CMR's Annual Gala this year. Fortunately, CMR and the Chorus have many supporters and they enjoy different types of evenings out.

For those who cannot make the Gala, this concert is the perfect event! Listen while this amazingly talented group of singers do the "speaking!" And they do have a beautiful voice that will offer the audience an auditory delight. No tickets or registration required; **the concert is free**. However **free will donations** to support the five **CMR** programs that serve the most vulnerable in our community are strongly **encouraged**. Cash and checks will gladly be accepted.



**Saturday, April 27, 2019
8:00 P.M.**

**Christ Episcopal Church
109 South Washington Street
Rockville, MD**

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, April 27, 2019 6:00 p.m.

CMR's ANNUAL GALA

Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Road, Rockville, MD



Saturday, April 27, 2019 8:00 p.m.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC CONCERT to benefit CMR

Christ Episcopal Church
107 South Washington Street, Rockville, MD

Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26, 12 noon - 8:00 p.m.

TASTE OF ROCKVILLE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Courthouse Square and Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS for CMR's Development and Governance committees. Meetings are 10 times each year, and occasional tasks in between meetings. Advise CMR's Board on ideas and activities to increase revenue and visibility of the organization by joining the Development Committee. Advise on best practices, procedures and policies through participation in the Governance Committee.

ONE TIME AND SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BEFORE AND DURING CMR'S GALA on April 27th. Assist in the weeks before to collect and organize auction items. Help transport and set up for the Gala in the late morning of April 27th. Help with many different tasks at the Gala, from 5pm - 11pm on Saturday, April 27th.

CLIENT INTAKE COORDINATORS for Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP). Are you a compassionate, detail-oriented person with a desire to help those in need? Work a four-hour shift weekly during business hours (ideally from 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm) to help us assist Rockville residents facing eviction; provide County residents with referrals for low-cost dental and other services; and much more. Training is provided.

FRIENDLY CALLERS fluent in Mandarin and English for Elderly Ministries Program. Call the same client(s) each week to check in, chat, and confirm that the client received home care services. Listen for changes in cognitive abilities, learn of any changing physical conditions, and be a friendly, caring voice. Depth and length of each conversation is based on the desire of the volunteer and the client.

TRANSLATORS at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once each week between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Openings currently on Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Help us ensure that our providers and patients can communicate clearly. Confidentiality is required.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

For Kaseman Health Clinic:

- C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer,
- Antibacterial Hand Soap, Trash Bags, Disinfecting Wipes,
- Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Bleach,
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid



For more information about these opportunities and others, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#) at 301-637-0172.

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