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FOUR MUSIC GROUPS OFFER A CONCERT TO SUPPORT REAP

On Sunday, February 10th, four local chorus groups offer a concert to support CMR's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP). For over a decade, the Rockville Chorus and Rockville Singers, frequently joined by the Heart of Maryland, have been singing in February to support this CMR program. This year, the Takoma Park Singers join the event. The concert is being held at a new location, Rockville United Church, 355 Linthicum Street in Rockville. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and is followed by a reception with light refreshments.

There is no charge to attend, and reservations are not needed. Free will offerings for CMR's REAP are strongly encouraged. REAP provides Rockville residents with assistance when a financial emergency (like an unexpected car repair, or an illness) means they are unable to pay their full rent, or utility bill. The program also assists with funds when the price of a life saving prescription is out of reach, or when a Montgomery County resident needs to be referred for clothing or food assistance, low-cost vision or dental care, or a computer so their children can complete homework at home.

The Rockville Chorus, with about 100 members, performs works by composers including Mozart, Bach, Hindemuth, and Shaw, as well as pieces written by local artists. The Rockville Singers are a smaller outreach group of the Rockville Chorus. Heart of Maryland Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, with over 40 female singers from Montgomery County. The Takoma Park Singers was formed in the 1960s and currently includes about 30 members that perform classical, gospel, Americana, Broadway tunes, folk songs, and popular music. More information can be found [here](#). Please join us for a memorable event and invite your friends and family.





DID YOU KNOW?

HEALTH CARE:

U.S. Census figures put the number of Montgomery County residents, age 65 and under, without health insurance at 7.4% of the population of 1,058,510 (est. 7/1/17), or just over 78,000 residents.*

CMR's Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic delivers health care and health education to Montgomery County residents without health insurance and those with Maryland Medicaid.

HOUSING:

In January, 2018 there were 840 homeless individuals in Montgomery County**
CMR's Permanent Supportive Housing Program serves men and women at Jefferson House and Rockland House. This program supports our previously homeless residents as they work toward self-sufficiency.

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

Low income is defined in Montgomery County as families earning less than 2½ times the federal poverty level - a family of four with an annual income below \$62,750. At the 2018 County minimum wage of \$12.25 per hour, it takes 2½ full time jobs (99 hours) every week of the year to earn that amount.

CMR's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) provides financial assistance to those facing eviction, utility shut-off, or who are in need of life-saving prescriptions. We also offer referrals for food, clothing, dental and vision care, and computers, as well as information about our partners that provide other social services.

EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANTS:

Over 50% of Montgomery County residents living in poverty speak a language other than English at home***

CMR's Language Outreach Program (LOP) teaches English as a Second Language, Citizenship, and Conversation classes to adult immigrants in an affordable program that includes free child care and tutoring.

ELDERCARE:

16% of Montgomery County seniors (65+) live below 200% of the federal poverty level and 34% of seniors are "housing burdened" (more than 30% of income goes to housing expenses). ***

CMR's Elderly Ministries Program enables low- and moderate-income seniors to age in place with weekly home care services as well as home repairs that ensure safety and functionality.

*U.S. Census QuickFacts Montgomery County, MD

**Montgomery County Point in Time Count 1/24/18

***County Stat, Montgomery County Aging and Vulnerability, Community wide vulnerability statistics



CMR's FY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Do you want to know what CMR and our five programs that serve the most vulnerable in Rockville and Montgomery County accomplished during fiscal year 2018? Now is your chance to know! And check out all the cool photos, mostly taken by Chuck Lee, CMR's intrepid and longtime *pro bono* photographer! Click [here](#) for the electronic version. Prefer a printed hard copy? Just [email](#) your request with the address you would like us to use for USPS mailing.

2019 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION WAS A HIT

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held on Thursday, January 24th. No snow or ice fell, although the day began with rain and ended with a promise of a deep dip in the outside temperature. With remodeling taking place at the Glenview Mansion, the event was held in the Social Hall below the Fitzgerald Theatre.

The evening began with networking, appetizers and beverages. Hot off the press, CMR's FY 2018 Annual Report was available for the taking. Friends, supporters and elected officials came to congratulate the volunteers that offer CMR the opportunity to serve more vulnerable residents.

Paul Love spoke publicly for the first as CMR's Board Chair. Melissa McKenna, longtime CMR supporter, and past Vice President of Montgomery County Council of PTAs provided the keynote speech about the value of volunteering and the benefits to both the organization and the volunteer. Along with interesting anecdotes, Melissa provided information about the value of a volunteer hour - based on *Independent Sector*, the national value is \$24.69 per hour. In Maryland, that value increases to \$27.50 per hour.

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate CMR's wonderful volunteers! Special recognition went to Stein Sperling Bennett De Jong Driscoll PC as CMR's Community Partner of the Year (holiday food baskets and 100's of toys), and Volunteer of the Year for each of our programs and assisting CMR overall - Ben Shuman, Cecilia Bailey, Katy Reyes, Linda Rhoads, Hector Ramirez, and the Tikkun Olam Committee of Temple Beth Ami. Thank you, Judy Ackerman, for providing the photographs.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL CMR GALA!
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**



Join CMR for our Annual Gala at Lakewood Country Club in Rockville. This year, the event will be held on Saturday evening, April 27th. Catherine Leggett is chairing the event, and Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice will serve as the very entertaining Emcee and Auctioneer. The evening begins with a reception and silent auction of close to 200 items spanning a range of values. The reception is

followed by a seated dinner, a live band, and a truly exciting live auction with one-of-a-kind experiences. About 250 people attend each year - and most of them come back again and again!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available (contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#)). The official "Save the Date" will go out in just a few weeks. This year's theme, "Broadening the Reach," will include a **very special CMR announcement**. **You will want to be there to hear it!**

SHOUT-OUT TO CMR's MANSFIELD KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC

Patient care and the improved health of our patients is one of the main goals of the Kaseman Health Clinic. The Clinic tracks medical quality measures using the Healthcare effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS) benchmarks for chronic care screening including diabetes and hypertension, and for cancer screenings including cervical, colon, and breast cancer.

During FY18, the MKHC was very successful in meeting or exceeding HEDIS rates.

- **72%** (274 out of 381) diabetic patients had HbA1c below 8 (HEDIS 48.1%).
- **66%** (475 out of 721) hypertensive patients had blood pressure control lower than 140 over 90 (HEDIS 65.8%).
- **75%** (717 out of 957) female patients ages 21-64 were screened for cervical cancer (HEDIS 66.7%).
- **62%** (456 out of 734) patients 50-74 were screened for colorectal cancer (HEDIS 20%).
- **82%** (937 out of 1147) female patients ages 40-74 were screened for breast cancer (HEDIS 50.4%).

Congratulate the Clinic staff for these truly outstanding results. If you know any Montgomery County adult residents who are uninsured, or those insured under Maryland Medicaid, please refer them to the Clinic - appointments made by calling 301-917-6800. Walk-ins also welcome before 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, February 10, 2019 4:00 p.m.
ROCKVILLE SINGERS & ROCKVILLE CHORUS to benefit CMR's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program
Rockville United Church
355 Linthicum Street, Rockville, MD

Saturday, April 27, 2019 6:00 p.m.
CMR's ANNUAL GALA



*Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Road, Rockville, MD*

Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26, 12 noon - 8:00 p.m.
TASTE OF ROCKVILLE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS
*Courthouse Square & 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.

PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS for the Language Outreach Program's English as a Second Language classes. Previous experience teaching adults or TESOL certificate preferred. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 5, 2019 through June 20, 2019. Some training provided. If interested, contact Cecilia Rojas at 301-251-2136.

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 (9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm) to assist Rockville residents facing eviction; provide County residents with referrals for low-cost dental and other services; and much more. Commitment of six months is required. Training is provided.

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.

Thanks to CMR's Board of Directors!

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