



# CMR NEWS & VIEWS

## Community Ministries of Rockville

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## CMR Creates Nonprofit Coalition for County Candidates

Primary Election Day is around the corner and early voting is almost over. There are eleven locations open to "vote early." Voters registered with a Montgomery County address and party affiliation may cast a ballot at any of [these locations](#) until 8pm tonight. On Tuesday, June 26th, votes can only be cast in one's home precinct (7am-8pm).



For the first time in 12 years, there will be no incumbent running for County Executive. The nine-member Montgomery County Council will include at least four new councilmembers. Marylanders will also be choosing their party's candidate for Governor and legislators in the November election.

CMR led the way in organizing a coalition of social service nonprofit organizations. From housing to food to literacy, senior care and health care, we invited our partners to draft questions for the Executive and Council candidates. Ultimately, we recruited fourteen other community-based groups and drafted a questionnaire about health and human service issues.

Four candidates for County Executive and twenty-three Council candidates responded to the request. To learn their views about issues that affect our safety net services, see the [Candidate Questionnaire](#).

## Montgomery County Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

On May 3rd, CMR asked supporters to write County Councilmembers requesting their approval of CMR grant applications in the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Budget (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019). The Council approved the FY19 operating budget in the amount of \$5.6 billion at the end of May. Thank you to all those who communicated their support for CMR and our local safety net organizations.

CMR had requested a total of \$326,423 for our five programs. County Executive and Council awarded \$226,200, a remarkable 69% of the requested funds. This amount is especially impressive at a time when the County is tightening its spending. Montgomery County Health and Human Services only received a 2% increase for County contracts for next fiscal year.

Overall, CMR was awarded \$44,000 (24%) more than FY18 grant



amounts; this included some increases and some decreases to program funding. The County substantially decreased grant awards for CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic in FY18; the new budget returns the County's Clinic support to FY17 levels. CMR's Language Outreach Program is well funded for Citizenship and Childcare grants, but must look for other sources to keep the one-year-old Family Education Success Project (FESP). Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) and Elderly Ministries both lost some County financial support; CMR's Housing Program will receive the same funding as FY18.

30% of CMR's annual budget comes from grants and contracts through City, County, State and Federal government. In this era of smaller Federal allocations for safety net services, and decreases in revenue at the County level, CMR must look for funding sources to fill potential gaps in government resources. For more information about CMR and our programs, or to donate to CMR in general, or a specific program, please see our website, [CMRocks.org](http://CMRocks.org).

## CMR's ELDERLY MINISTRIES SOLVES COMMUNICATION ISSUES

The demographics of the City of Rockville are changing. Our senior population continues to grow and age at the same time. The number of residents 75 and older more than doubled from the U.S. Census in 2000 to those reported in 2010.\* The City's ethnicity is changing as well. Our Chinese population has increased by over 2,400 residents.

These changes affect the needs of our Elderly Ministries Program clients. There are currently four clients who speak Mandarin with limited English. For years these seniors have been waiting for a caregiver who speaks their language. None of our agencies have had that capacity. Within the past few months, Program Director Andrea Rogers was able locate and contract with a new home care agency, Emmanuel Home Health Care Services (EHHCS). A Mandarin speaking caregiver employed through the new agency is now providing home care services. The caregiver is able to communicate more fully with these clients, and also intricately understands Chinese culture. EHHCS provides additional desired services: 1. meal preparation, and 2. therapeutic massage to relieve pain.



CMR works hard to meet the changing needs of the vulnerable in our community. As we plan for the future of Elderly Ministries, and our other four programs, we know we must address the services we provide to better serve these changing age and ethnic populations. Finding someone who can easily communicate and also understand the cultural differences of our seniors is an important step in this process. Click here for more [Elderly Ministries](#) information.

\* <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8734>

## WELCOME, DR. LEVIN!



On June 1, CMR welcomed a new medical director to the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic. Dr. Sheila Levin ran the gastroenterology department at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Kaiser Permanente, and, for thirty years, also had a private practice. Last fall, she retired, but had a desire to offer her skills to patients who could not easily afford healthcare. Last September, Dr. Levin began volunteering at the Clinic as a gastroenterologist and primary care physician. This Spring, she was offered the staff position of part-time medical director.

The Clinic staff would like to thank Dr. Neil Spiegel for serving as the Medical Director from October 2014 through May 2018. Dr. Spiegel has been a Clinic force from even before there was a CMR Clinic. He volunteered on CMR's health advisory council, then was invited to join the Clinic Board of Directors when the Kaseman Health Clinic opened. As a doctor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, Dr. Spiegel saw patients as a volunteer at the Clinic from 2010 until he became Medical Director.

We look forward to working with Dr. Levin and appreciate the work of Dr. Speigel that has helped the Kaseman Health Clinic provide over 40,000 high-quality patient visits since the doors opened in 2009.

[Kaseman Health Clinic](#) for additional information!

## HELP the KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC PREPARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

CMR's Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic helps uninsured Montgomery County adults and Maryland residents on Medicaid get (and stay!) healthy. June 30 is the end of the Clinic's fiscal year. We provide 3,500+ patient visits to over 1,300 members of our community each year. CMR's Clinic staff and volunteers are committed to educating, preventing, and healing. Help us create a healthier community, save lives, and offer a better quality of life for our residents.

Please consider a donation in June to CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic. Visit our website, [CMRocks.org](http://CMRocks.org), (mark donation "Clinic"), call us at 301-637-0730, or send a check to the CMR main address, 1010 Grandin Avenue, #A1, Rockville, MD 20851.

**Thank you for considering this request for support!**



## NEW BOARD for CMR & KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC FISCAL YEAR 2019



Please welcome Rouzanna Oganissian to our FY 2019 CMR Board. Rouzanna has volunteered on CMR committees and at events for many years. When not providing volunteer support (on her own, or with her teenage son), Rouzanna is a Fiduciary Banking Specialist for Capital Bank.

After many years of service, the CMR Board says farewell to Scot Browning, Kevin Kane, and Ann Seltz. The staff and Board thank you for your incredible dedication and service to CMR, and hope you stay connected.

The Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic Board welcomes Dr. Donna Perry to the FY 2019 Clinic Board. Dr. Perry has been a Clinic and CMR supporter for many years. Her knowledge of medicine and the local community will be invaluable to the Clinic as it moves toward its 10th year of healing in Montgomery County.

Leaving the Clinic Board are Tia Zeno and Lorena Kaplan. Thank you both for your service to the medically underserved in our community.

If you or someone you know is interested finding out about opportunities to volunteer on a CMR committee (Development, Faith Advisory, Financial, or Governance), or wants to learn about the CMR or Kaseman Health Clinic Board, please contact Deputy Director Brenda Reid Jones by [email](mailto:brjones@cmr.org) or at 301-637-0705.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Friday, June 22, 7pm**

### **LOP GRADUATION**

Rockville High School Auditorium  
2100 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD



**Tuesday, June 26, 7am-8pm**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

**Thursday, October 8, 7pm**

### **Comedy Night to Support Kaseman Health Clinic**

Temple Beth Ami  
14330 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD

**Saturday, April 27, 2019 6pm**

### **CMR's Annual Gala**

Lakewood Country Club  
13901 Glen Mill Road, Rockville, MD

## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**OFFICE ASSISTANT** over the summer to help with filing, researching, general duties as needed. 5 - 8 hours per week desired, flexibility with weekday and number of hours per shift. Great opportunity for a rising high school senior or college student to learn the basics of working in an office, and expanding important skills.

**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** 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.

### Thanks to CMR's FY2018 Board of Directors!

Board Chair Amy Soldavini, President and Executive Director Agnes Saenz,  
Judy Ackerman, Scot Browning, Rae Pearl Canizares, Robert Dorsey, Kevin Kane,  
Angeline Lazarus, Paul Love, Frank Molony, Ann Seltz, and Carrie Yearick  
*Ex-Officio* Mary Jane Joseph, Chair, Kaseman Health Clinic Board

#### STAY CONNECTED:



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