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THANK YOU to the SPONSORS and SUPPORTERS of CMR's GALA, "OUR NEXT ERA"



CMR's Annual Gala was held on Saturday, March 24 with a sold-out crowd of almost 250 people. The success of a Gala is measured by the dollars it raises for the organization; the likelihood that guests will return and bring others; and the deeper connection by the audience to the organization's mission.

The Gala raised \$130,000. Guests had a wonderful time and expressed their intent to return in 2019. Clinic board member and volunteer, Stephanie Wright "walked" the audience through the experience of an appointment at CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic after a video highlighting CMR's various programs was shown. Based on the parameters above, CMR's 2018 Gala was, indeed, a success.

We are grateful for the support of so many in our community:

- * Gala Chairs County Executive Ike and First Lady Catherine Leggett
- * Master of Ceremonies County Councilmember Craig Rice
- * *Film at Eleven band*
- * **Sponsors:** DANAC Corporation, Capital Bank, Carol Bossert & Doug Brough, M&T Bank, The Meakem Group, Yuen Foundation, Early Cassidy & Schilling LLC, Pepco, Bill & Barb Scharf, WCS Construction, Judy & Michael Ackerman, Clark Construction, Charlie & Trisha Deierlein, El Mariachi, Kasey & Dianne Kaseman, Dr. Angeline Lazarus & Dr. Samantha Abraham, Miles & Stockbridge Foundation Inc., Frank Molony & Carol Saussy, Agnes Saenz, Santos Postal & Company PC, Amy & Mark Soldavini, John Britton & Katherine Tremain, Fitzgerald AutoMalls, John Marshall Bank, Carol & Chuck Lee, Montgomery College, Rockville Christian Church, Gail Sherman with Pat Shultz, Temple Beth Ami, John Tyner, Westat, Stephanie & Bob Wright
- * Those who donated funds or in-kind goods
- * CMR Volunteers and Staff

* Gala Guests - those who attended, participated in the Silent & Live Auction, or generously donated that evening.

THANK YOU!



The reception offered a chance to bid while seeing friends!



"Kasey" Kaseman with Early, Cassidy & Schilling staff



Lots of bidders at the Silent Auction



Councilmembers, former Rockville Mayor, & Clinic namesake



Agnes welcomes some of our generous supporters



A number of candidates attended the reception



Bidding War over the Live Auction prizes



Auctioneer Craig Rice doing his job!



And the band played on



Lakewood Country Club served a delicious meal



First Lady, State Senator, Mayor



Dancing to the band "Film at Eleven"



Thank you, Catherine & Craig!

KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC HOLDS DIABETIC HEALTH DAY

In March, the Kaseman Clinic held its first Health Screening for Diabetic Patients. Diabetes is more prevalent in lower-income populations, and about 30% of Clinic patients have this chronic disease. Providing an opportunity for these patients to receive many needed services at the same time and location makes it easier and more likely they will do so.



Eighteen Kaseman Clinic patients attended the screening day at Rockville United Church. Partner Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind provided retinal screenings. Retinopathy is a condition that affects many diabetics and can cause loss of sight if not diagnosed and treated early. Foot exams were given by Stephanie Wright, a Clinic Board member and Nurse Practitioner who volunteers at Kaseman one day each week. Patients with diabetes often experience a loss of blood flow and sensation in their feet. Without continual monitoring of foot health, infection can occur, and can lead to the amputation of a toe, a foot, or a leg.

Pneumonia vaccines were also included in our services.

The Kaseman Health Clinic provides health education for many conditions, including diabetes. Because of this education and the health care provided to its diabetic patients, 73% of the Clinic's diabetic patients had hemoglobin A1c's (measurement of blood sugar levels over 2 - 3 months) below 8 in 2017. These are excellent outcomes, according to the medical industry. With the success of this first Health Screening Day, the Clinic plans to repeat them quarterly; the next one will be in June.



The Kaseman Clinic Board had been exploring the addition of a Dental Clinic. Although we received funding for this build-out from the State of Maryland, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, and Philip L. Graham Foundation, the Board recently concluded that this is not the right time to move forward.

We continue to focus on treating and educating our patients. New Medicaid and uninsured patients are currently being accepted for services. Your support is always needed and appreciated!

CMR TO HOST A STOP ON PEERLESS ROCKVILLE HOME TOUR



For many years, [Peerless Rockville](#) hosted an annual fundraiser that gave us permission to be nosy! Owners of beautifully restored historic homes opened their doors to inspire us as we learned about Rockville's past. This year, the event is coming back, and CMR has been invited to welcome guests at one of the stops along the tour. Are you available to help greet visitors on Saturday, May 12 as a CMR volunteer in a lovely home? Two shifts are available: 12:30pm - 3pm or 3pm - 5:30pm. Email [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#) to schedule a volunteer shift.

A FUN WEEKEND... and it benefits CMR!



Rockville's annual Hometown Holidays is coming soon (Memorial Day weekend), and we hope to see you there! Consider bringing family and friends to enjoy the music, activities, and children's rides. The "Taste of Rockville" benefits CMR and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce. When guests purchase tickets to enjoy "tastes" from participating local restaurants and food vendors, a portion of the proceeds goes directly to CMR in support of our programs. So, we hope that you will:

- * Plan to attend
- * Come hungry and buy food tickets
- * Volunteer for a shift!

Get all the details [here](#). Sign up to volunteer by emailing [here](#).

Participating vendors this year include:

Amici Mieì * Armand's Pizzeria & Grille * Botanero * Brooklyn's Deli * Dawson's Market
 Fresh Baguette * Golden Samovar * Matchbox * Mellow Mushroom
 Nothing Bundt Cakes * Pandora Seafood House * Pinstripes * Saffron Indian Cuisine
 Spice X-ing * Trapezaria Mediterranean Kuzina

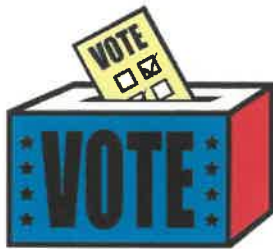
GRADUATING MORE ENGLISH-PROFICIENT NEIGHBORS!

CMR's Language Outreach Program (LOP) will celebrate its 25th anniversary, along with this year's graduation ceremony on Friday evening, June 22nd. Always one of the most meaningful and inspirational events, this year will be even more special as we celebrate this important milestone.

Plans are in the works for a memorable keynote address, some exciting entertainment, and a reminiscence of the years of this special program. Please look for additional information in the May newsletter and Hold the Date to attend this special event with the LOP students and their families. Attendance is free. Anyone interested in helping to offset the cost of the reception that follows is encouraged to contact Language Outreach Program Director [Cecilia Rojas](#), 301-251-2138.



BE AN INFORMED VOTER THIS JUNE!



CMR is co-hosting a Community Election Forum in partnership with Rockville's Temple Beth Ami and other faith organizations that have supported our work. At 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 3rd, moderated panels will offer individual district forums for Districts 15, 16, 17 & 39 State Delegate candidates. The forum with County Executive candidates will begin at 11:45 a.m.. [REGISTER for a free seat here](#) and attend this educational opportunity to hear the views of both Democratic and Republican candidates. Primary voting for both parties takes place on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 (early voting June 14 - June 21). The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 (early voting Oct. 25 - Nov. 1). Voters in Montgomery County will be choosing all of our State and County leaders this year. Learn more... and plan to VOTE this year in the primary and general elections!

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, May 12 (1pm - 5pm)

PEERLESS ROCKVILLE HOME TOUR

CMR will help host at 104 Lynch Street, Rockville, MD

Saturday, May 26 & 27 (12noon - 10pm)

TASTE OF ROCKVILLE at HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Rockville Town Center, Rockville, MD

Saturday, June 2, 7:30pm

CONCERT to benefit CMR

Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD

Sunday, June 3, 10am - 1:30pm

COMMUNITY ELECTION FORUM

Temple Beth Ami

14330 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD



Wednesday, June 6, 7:30pm

BIG TRAIN BASEBALL GAME

(Free tickets for CMR's supporters!!)

Shirley Povich Field

10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda, MD

Friday, June 22, 7pm

LOP GRADUATION & 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Rockville, MD

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY: MAY 12: Help CMR staff a house for the **PEERLESS ROCKVILLE HOME TOUR**. Two shifts to be filled with 4 volunteers per shift: 12:30pm - 3pm or 3pm - 5:30pm. The house and garden is beautiful! Call 301-637-0172 or [Email](#).

ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Volunteer at CMR'S ticket sales booths at **TASTE OF ROCKVILLE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS** (May 26 & 27th) The booths are open from noon to 10pm. Volunteers are needed for 2 1/2 hour shifts either day. Enjoy the live music and rides before or after your shift as well as the food! CMR receives a portion of the price of each ticket. Call 301-637-0172 or [Email](#).

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 safety net 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.

TRANSPORTERS for Elderly Ministries Program. Help our clients get to and from doctor's appointments, shopping, and similar activities as needed.

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 Elderly Ministries Program:

Reusable grocery bags to transport Manna Food pick-ups to our elderly clients

For Kaseman Health Clinic:

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

For Housing Program:

Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Napkins, Disinfecting Wipes, Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dish Washing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Lawn Composting Bags

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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