



Community Reach  
of Montgomery County

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### Volunteer Celebration & Meet and Greet Event



Help celebrate the amazing individuals who give their time to make a difference at Reach and MKHC. For the first time since 2020, we are hosting a volunteer celebration and recognition event. Join us on Wednesday, February 7th at the social hall of F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

[RSVPs](#) are requested but not required.

In addition to showing appreciation for our volunteers, this is an opportunity for our supporters to meet Sarah Basehart, the new Executive Director of Reach and MKHC.

### How Has Our New ED Spent Her Time?

The New Year brought new beginnings, as new Reach and MKHC Executive Director Sarah Basehart joined the organization on January 1st. The three weeks that followed have been busy: Sarah has met personally with all staff members, approved a new IT contract to streamline operations, attended committee meetings, and is already fully managing the relocation of our Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic, slated to take place in April.

She also joined for our Staff Holiday Party, where staff and board members of Reach and MKHC came together to celebrate our past successes and plans for the future.

## Supporter Spotlight: Canizares Family

The Canizares family have been dedicated supporters of Reach. Rae Pearl currently serves on the Reach Board of Directors and formerly worked as a teacher with LOP. She, her husband, and her two sons consider volunteer service a part of their lifestyle.



Every year, the family looks for a way to give back to the community on the anniversary of their late daughter and sister's birthday. When Rae Pearl heard that our Faith Advisory Committee was requesting meal donations for Housing Program residents, it seemed like a perfect fit. The family cooked and delivered their daughter's special meal, pancit bihon and eggrolls, to residents at Rockland and Jefferson Houses.

The Canizares family hopes to make this an annual tradition that can help inspire resilience from hardships. We are grateful for their support and know that the residents appreciated the personal touch.

## Thank You to December Holiday Giving Donors & Volunteers



December Holiday Giving was a success, with food baskets and toys distributed to 156 families. We are so grateful to the many volunteers and donors who made this year a success, including:

Mark Beavers \* Mirtha Brown \* Michele Cade \*  
Rae Pearl Canizares \* Sean Darby \* Jody Eccleston \* Maria  
Eisel \* Elisabeth Fidler \* Pastor Susan Graceson \* Nancy  
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Envision Health Chiropractic and Wellness Center \* Garden Club of College Gardens \*  
Girl Scout Brownie Troop 33181 \* Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce \*  
Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac \* The Monitor Group \* NCNW \*  
Richard Montgomery High School National Honors Society Club \*  
Rockville Presbyterian Church \* Rockville United Methodist Church \*  
Saint Bernadette Catholic Church \* St. Francis Episcopal Church \*  
Temple Beth Ami \* Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville

## Clinic Room Naming Opportunities



As MKHC prepares to move to its new location at 9420 Key West Avenue, we ask that you consider supporting our fundraising efforts. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to cover moving and equipment costs at the new location.

Two ways to support are available:

- Name a room in honor of an individual or a business. Available options include 10 exam rooms, 11 administrative rooms, a nurse's station, and a check-in/check-out area. Special plaques will be placed outside the rooms in honor of donors.
- Help us fulfill our wish list of necessary items, including equipment, furniture, IT upgrades, medical supplies, etc. [Donate now](#) and include "MKHC Relocation Campaign" in the notes. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org) for more information on naming opportunities or with questions about donating.

## 2024 Annual Gala Save the Date

Mark your calendars and save the date to attend our Reach 2024 Annual Gala on Saturday evening, May 11. Catherine Leggett will again serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The Gala Committee, headed by returning Chair, Paul Newman, will hold its first planning meeting this week.



Sponsorship opportunities will be posted on the events page of the Reach website in the next few weeks. If you are interested in learning more about sponsor opportunities, getting involved in the Gala committee, or helping support the event in any other way, please contact Director of Development, Courtney Proctor at [cproctor@cmrocks.org](mailto:cproctor@cmrocks.org) or 301-637-0190.

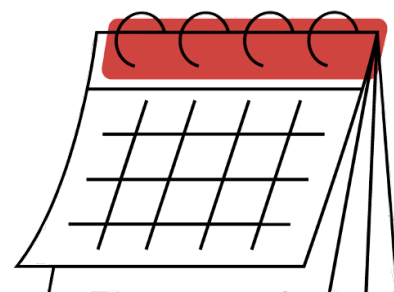
## Mark Your Calendars!

### Meet the Executive Director & Volunteer Appreciation Event

Wednesday, February 7th, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 Social Hall, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre  
 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD

### REAP Benefit Concert

Sunday, March 3rd, 4:00pm-6:00pm  
 Rockville United Church



## MKHC Relocation Ribbon Cutting

Exact Date TBD, April 2024

9420 Key West Avenue, 4th Floor, Rockville, MD

## 2024 Annual Gala

Saturday, May 11th, 6:00pm-10:00pm

Lakewood Country Club

13901 Glen Mill Rd, Rockville, MD

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Join a Reach Committee

*Gala Committee:* Help us plan the 2024 Annual Gala! Give your insight into themes, decorations, silent auction, and more. The committee meets regularly between now and May 2024.

*NextGen Committee:* Contribute your ideas on how to bring in the "next generation" of supporters, help us plan and host outreach and networking events, and ensure long-term stability for Reach.

### Senior Reach Friendly Callers and Visitors

As a Friendly Caller, make weekly phone calls to one or more senior clients to provide a caring voice, to check on their well-being, and to confirm they received and are pleased with their scheduled home care services. Skills required include patience in speaking with senior citizens and the ability to complete and email reports to the program manager. Volunteers and senior clients choose the standard weekly day and time that phone calls will occur.

As a "Friendly Visitor," visit senior clients monthly or bimonthly for conversation, activities, or other social interaction. A background check is required.

### Computer Literacy Tutor

The Housing Program is looking for a volunteer to help an elderly Jefferson House resident learn very simple computer skills (Internet and email basics) using the PC at the house. Ideally, the volunteer would come to the house and provide one-on-one instruction for an hour or so.

Contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org) or complete the [volunteer application](#) to get started as a volunteer!

## Other Ways to Help

### Donations Requested:

#### **For the Housing Program:**

Funds to cover the cost of a deep-clean for Jefferson House.

New or used toaster oven, four slice toaster, or electric can opener for Rockland House.

#### **For Kaseman Health Clinic & Housing Program:**

C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Trash

Bags, Disinfecting Wipes, Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Bleach, Disinfectant Spray, Dishwashing Liquid

A dozen new or used computer monitors, 24-28 inches and 1920 x 1080 resolution.

For more information current needs, please contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org).

[Check Out All Our Current Opportunities](#)

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