



Community Reach of Montgomery County

September 2023 Newsletter

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THREE FORUMS offer Chances to Hear from the Candidates

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26 2-3:30 p.m. Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive <i>Presented by the Greater Rockville Chamber of Commerce.</i>	THURSDAY, OCT. 5 7-8:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive <i>Presented by Community Reach of Montgomery County with Rainbow Place Shelter.</i>	THURSDAY, OCT. 12 NOON-1:30 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive <i>Presented by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.</i>
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Rockville 11 will broadcast the forums live on channel 11 on county cable systems and livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11. Replays will be available on Rockville 11 and at youtube.com/cityofrockville.

For more info: www.rockvillemd.gov/election or email: elections@rockvillemd.gov.

Reach, in partnership with Rainbow Place Shelter, has been invited by the City of Rockville to host one of three Rockville Mayor and Council Candidate forums. The forum will take place on October 5th at 7pm at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive in Rockville.

Before casting votes on Tuesday, November 7, City of Rockville residents should take advantage of this chance to hear from the two candidates for Mayor and twelve Council candidates who are vying to fill six seats. The City

election will also offer residents the opportunity to respond to four questions about who can vote and the requirements of representatives. Rockville residents and others are encouraged to attend the forums in person.

If you have questions that you hope will be addressed by the candidates, please share them with us by email at andreakwink@cmrocks.org no later than Monday, October 2.

Around 6-10 volunteers are needed from 6:15pm-9:00p.m. to help with tasks including checking in moderators and candidates, setting up the stage/podium, guiding attendees to their seats and answering questions, and other simple tasks. Contact Andrea at

Celebrating Agnes Saenz



After 32 years with Reach and the Kaseman Health Clinic, Executive Director Agnes Saenz stepped down on September 8th. Several events took place to celebrate her dedication and efforts.

Agnes was honored by the Rockville Mayor and Council with a certificate of recognition. It reads, "The City of Rockville, Maryland, is honored to congratulate and celebrate your amazing 32 years of dedicated work for the City of Rockville and the Montgomery County community. You have been a tireless and effective advocate for the most vulnerable members of Montgomery County. You enriched the lives of so many, and your good works, kindness and compassion have enhanced our community!"

Reach hosted a farewell event for Agnes on September 13th. Representatives of both County Executive Marc Elrich and Montgomery County Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles presented Agnes with proclamations recognizing her achievements.

Attendees included current and former staff, board members, pastors, long-term supporters, and family. Paul Love, Reach Board Chair, and Donna Perry, Clinic Board Chair, both gave remarks, as did Kasey Kaseman, former Executive Director of Reach who hired Agnes in 1991. Kasey summarized the overall feeling of the evening in saying:

"Recognizing all that you've contributed to the lives of all of us gathered here and to the lives of tens of thousands in the programs of Community Reach of Montgomery County and this Clinic, there's neither time nor would I have the ability to provide an adequate accounting of all the great and quiet achievements that you've given us. The best I can do on behalf of us all is to say thank you."



Tickets On Sale for Kaseman Health Clinic Fall Fundraiser



Tickets are available now for the Clinic Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, November 4th at the Hilton Rockville.

The event will include a cocktail hour, silent auction and dinner. Connect with other Clinic supporters, learn how we help the medically underserved in Rockville and Montgomery County, and provide critical funding to support this work.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

[Tickets & Sponsorship Information](#)

LOP Turns 30 and Returns to Some In-Person Classes



The Language Outreach Program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month. Since its inception in September 1993, LOP has grown to become a trusted partner and knowledge provider in the local community. Our non-profit and municipal partners recognize the strength of LOP's work. When residents requested English classes at Rockville community centers, city staff partnered with LOP to provide hybrid conversation classes at two locations.

This year, we're continuing our collaboration with the City of Rockville to offer fully in-person ESL classes at those community centers. Classes are available at Twinbrook (pictured above) and Lincoln Park. Each location also provides child care and child tutoring while parents are learning English. In developing their language skills, these students are starting their journey to becoming more integrated in their new homes. We are proud of our partnerships and ability to help our neighbors feel settled and connected!

Thank You to Holton Arms Volunteers

A group of students from Holton Arms chose to volunteer at Reach as part of their Freshman Fall Activity Day.

The volunteers helped us create goody bags with educational games for the children in our LOP childcare/tutoring program. Then, they visited with senior residents at a local senior community for a lunch and tech Q&A event.

Thanks very much to these students for all their hard work giving back to the community!



Reach is Hiring

Applications are currently being accepted for the position of Executive Director. For more information and a full job description, [see our Jobs page](#).

If you know anyone who may be qualified and interested, please share the listing.

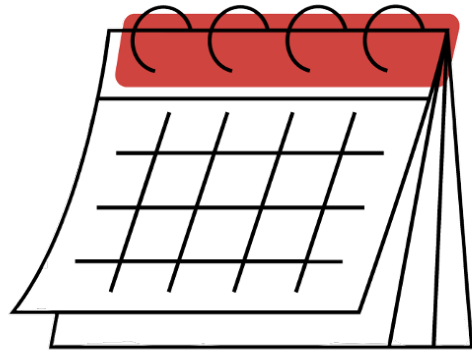
Mark Your Calendars!

Mayor & Council Candidate Forum

October 5th, 7:00pm
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville

Clinic Fall Fundraiser

November 4th, 6:00pm-10:00pm
Hilton Rockville
1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville



Volunteer with Reach for MoCo Community Service Month 2023



Montgomery County's Community Service Month begins Sunday, October 1, 2023. Join other members of the community in this annual celebration of volunteerism by volunteering with Reach!

Our individual and group volunteer opportunities are posted on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's site. We hope to see you for Service Month or any time thereafter!

[Check Out Our Current Opportunities](#)

Other Ways to Help



Donations Requested:

For the Housing Program:

A space that could be used as an art studio for a Jefferson House resident who works with oil paints and turpentine.

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

For more information about volunteering and current needs, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact us at development@cmrocks.org.

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