



Community Reach

of Montgomery County

April 2024 Newsletter

In This Issue:

Reach in Bloom Annual Gala in Less Than Three Weeks

Supporter Spotlight: Suzanne Rotbert

Happy 10th Anniversary to Rockland House

MKHC Settles Into Its New Home * Thank You to HIF

Mark Your Calendars * Volunteer Opportunities

Reach in Bloom Annual Gala in Less Than Three Weeks



Less than 3 weeks until our annual gala! Reach staff and the gala committee are hard at work planning a fun and memorable evening. Some special twists this year include a themed photo booth and spring-time cocktail on the menu.

Volunteers are needed in the morning of May 11th to help with pre-event set-up and in the evening to help during the event itself. Interested in lending a hand? Contact development@cmrocks.org.

[Tickets and sponsorships are still available!](#) The annual gala raises funds to cover essential operating costs of the organization, and we hope you'll join us to show your support for our work.

Supporter Spotlight: Suzanne Rotbert

April is National Volunteer Month, and we want to spotlight a behind-the-scenes volunteer who helps Reach make a difference in the community.

We are very grateful for the support of Suzanne Rotbert, board member and pro bono legal counsel for Reach and MKHC. For almost

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Suzanne Rotbert



PRO BONO LEGAL COUNSEL



20 years, Suzanne has assisted the organization with legal matters, including the creation of the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic and the lease for the original location, our name change in 2019, and most recently the lease for MKHC's relocation to a new facility. She also advises from time to time on corporate and nonprofit governance and contract and employment matters. Suzanne has brought in colleagues from her firm, Miles & Stockbridge, to advise on specialty areas like HIPAA compliance, employment law, and tax law. In addition, Suzanne and her husband, Jim Dawson, are generous and consistent donors to Reach and its programs.

Suzanne and her M&S colleagues have contributed substantially to the success of Reach and MKHC. Thank you for all you do for

us!

Happy 10th Anniversary to Rockland House!

This month, Rockland House is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

In 2013, as more housing vouchers became available through Rockville Housing Enterprises, Reach (Community Ministries of Rockville at the time) began to consider purchasing a new property for the Housing Program to assist more residents. Through generous support from Capital Bank, the County, and the City of Rockville, we were able to purchase and renovate a house in the Twinbrook neighborhood. Volunteers and supporters contributed to the opening in many ways, making quilts for each new resident, assembling furniture for the house, doing landscaping in the front and back yards, and assembling a library of books for the residents.



First opened in 2014, Rockland House has room for five women working towards self-sufficiency. The house is currently full.

MKHC Settles Into its New Home



The big day finally arrived! After months of preparations and hard work, including packing up medical supplies and 10 years of files from the old location, the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic opened its doors to patients at the new facility at 9420 Key West Avenue on April 4th.

A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony took place on April 17th, where supporters, local elected officials, board members, and staff toured the new space and celebrated this achievement together. It was an honor to see so many supporters, new and old, come out to celebrate this milestone.



We are also pleased to announce that our MKHC Relocation Campaign is over two-thirds of the way to the \$150,000 goal, with more than \$100,000 raised so far to support our work in the community. Room naming sponsorships are still available, including the opportunity to donate to the conference room named in honor of Agnes Saenz. Visit our [Relocation Campaign webpage](#) to learn more!

Thank You to the Healthcare Initiative Foundation!

MKHC is honored to partner with the Healthcare Initiative Foundation, which awarded a generous \$50,000 grant to support outreach and recruitment of new patients at the clinic. We are looking forward to collaborating to improve healthcare access for the most vulnerable in our community.

Photo: Sarah Basehart (right) and Lynn Arndt (left), Interim Executive Director of the Healthcare Initiative Foundation



Mark Your Calendars!

2024 Annual Gala

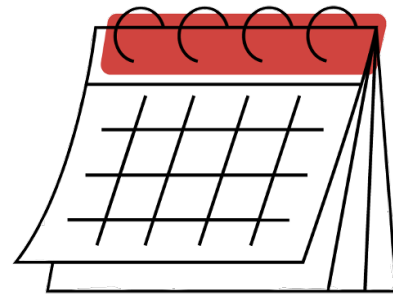
Saturday, May 11th, 6:00pm-10:00pm
Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Rd, Rockville, MD
[2024 Annual Gala Event Page](#)

LOP Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 21st, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Location TBD

Comedy Night to Support Reach

Friday & Saturday, July 26-27, 8:00pm
Give A Hoot Comedy Club
16143 Shady Grove Rd
Gaithersburg MD 20877



Volunteer Opportunities

Annual Gala Volunteers

Help make the Annual Gala a success! Volunteers are needed to help with pre-event set-up and in the evening to help during the event itself.

Microsoft Excel Expert (Summer)

Our Development staff is looking for a Microsoft Excel expert to help with various spreadsheet projects this summer. Projects may include compiling data sheets, creating program reports, and gathering information for database import. Work may be performed virtually or in person.

Personal Assistant for Elderly Client

Reach's Housing Program seeks a personal assistant for one of its elderly residents at Jefferson House. Duties include (1) contacting healthcare providers to determine coverage by the resident's medical insurance and proximity to the House, (2) scheduling his doctors' appointments with specialists, (3) coordinating his transportation to and from medical appointments, (4) helping him keep his documents and belongings organized, and (5) coordinating his visits to Rockville Senior Center to participate in activities. The volunteer must be at least 18 years old and have reliable transportation. A background check and HIPAA training are required. Hours may vary; however, a minimum of two hours per week is required.

Contact the Development Department at development@cmrocks.org if you're able to help with these requests.



[See More Opportunities](#)

Donation Requests

For the Annual Gala:

Donations of new housewares, jewelry, gift cards for experiences, vacation opportunities, or other items to be placed in the silent auction.

New or gently used furniture for the Housing Program:

Jefferson House

- a tall dresser/cabinet for a bedroom
- high capacity stackable washer/dryer
- new stove
- porch furniture

Rockland House

- outdoor chairs for the deck
- a full-size headboard for a bedroom
- new kitchen range
- wall-to-wall carpeting
- two air purifiers
- set of pots and pans
- a 3 or 4-seater couch and loveseat
- a small desk
- a new area rug for the living room

For Kaseman Health Clinic & Housing Program:

C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towel Rolls, 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 on current needs or to donate, please contact us at development@cmrocks.org.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Community Reach of Montgomery County Board of Directors

Board Chair Paul Love, Vice Chair Judy Ackerman
Treasurer Lihua Zhang, Secretary Lou Kallas
George Ashton, Rae Pearl Canizares, Oscar Portillo,
Suzanne Rotbert, Jim Skinner, and Nancy Sushinsky
Ex-Officio Donna Perry, Chair, MKHC Board

MKHC Board of Directors

Chair Donna R. Perry MD, Ryan Bertoli, Douglas Brough PhD, Jackie Lobien RN, Susana Najera MS, Kate Stradar MBA RN, Stephanie Wright FNP PhD
Ex-Officio Paul Love, Chair, Reach Board, Ex-Officio Angeline Lazarus, MD, Medical Director

DONATE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY



Community Reach of Montgomery County | 1010 Grandin Ave, #A1, Rockville, MD 20851

[Unsubscribe andreakwink@cmrocks.org](mailto:andreakwink@cmrocks.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by info@cmrocks.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!