



# Community Reach

of Montgomery County

## October 2023 Newsletter

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## Two Weeks Until the Kaseman Clinic Fundraiser



The Kaseman Clinic Fall Fundraiser is swiftly approaching! Tickets are available now for the event on Saturday, November 4th at the Hilton Rockville. **The last day to register is October 31st.**

The evening 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](#)

## Farewell to Jennie M. Forehand

The staff of Reach were saddened to hear of the passing of Jennie M. Foreman, former Maryland State Senator and long-term supporter. Forehand represented District 17, including parts of Rockville and Gaithersburg, from 1978-2015, first in the House of Delegates and later in the State Senate.

Passionate about health issues, Forehand was instrumental in securing funding for the creation of the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic. Planning for the Clinic took place during an

economic recession, meaning that the City of Rockville and County turned down requests for funding.

Forehand made it possible for the Clinic planning committee, including Rev. Mansfield Kaseman and other highly-respected community leaders, to present their case in Annapolis and obtain State funding, after which the County and other donors contributed as well.

Her legacy also includes advocating for the creation of the Rockville Senior Center, Rockville Library, and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. We know she will be missed by the community.



## Kaseman Health Clinic Awarded Grant from Rotary Club of Rockville



Clinic Managing Director Carmen Lezama (second from the right) and Reach Development Director Courtney Proctor (second from the left) attended the Charter Night for the Rockville Rotary Club on October 12th, where the Kaseman Health Clinic was awarded a \$4,000 grant. We are incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club for their support of healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured.

[Learn more about the Kaseman Health Clinic.](#)

## REAP Swings Into Action

Ms. M & Ms. R came to REAP in immediate danger of eviction. Ms. R had recently been laid off for the second time as her employer downsized due to lost revenue from the COVID-19 pandemic. She and her partner were struggling to keep up with their monthly expenses and owed several months of back rent and utility payments. They received a court notice and had a limited amount of time to find the money needed to stay in their home with the lights on. To make matters worse, the couple were caring for a child with medical issues. They needed support to get themselves back on their feet and REAP was



there to help.

REAP swung into action, providing rental assistance to prevent eviction. Without the looming threat of losing their home, the family had the time and energy to work with our REAP Director to apply for other County benefits, like SNAP benefits, energy assistance, and child support, and to look for employment.

For hardworking families like this one, access to safety-net services like emergency financial assistance makes all the difference as they overcome obstacles on the path to self-sufficiency. Ms. M and Ms. R recently reported that one of them started a new full-time job, and their income covers their monthly expenses. They are very appreciative of the

assistance and case management they received.

[Learn more about REAP.](#)

## Holiday Giving Preparations Begin

As a member of Montgomery County's Holiday Giving Coalition, our Rockville Emergency Assistance Program provides families with meals for Thanksgiving and the December holidays. In December, parents can also choose gifts for their children ages 0-12 from new, donated toys. Children 13-17 receive gift cards.

This year, Reach has committed to serving 250 of the most vulnerable families for Thanksgiving and another 200 families for the December holidays. In order to meet these commitments, we rely on generous donations from our supporters. There are many ways to help with Holiday Giving:

- Donate food baskets for Thanksgiving or December holidays - [See the list of recommended items for baskets](#)
- Donate \$30 Giant or Safeway gift cards;
- Donate children's toys or gift cards for teens; or
- Volunteer for a shift on Distribution Days (11/19, 12/21, or 12/23).

Contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org) if you would like to help.



## Mark Your Calendars!

### Clinic Fall Fundraiser

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

### Holiday Giving - Thanksgiving Distribution

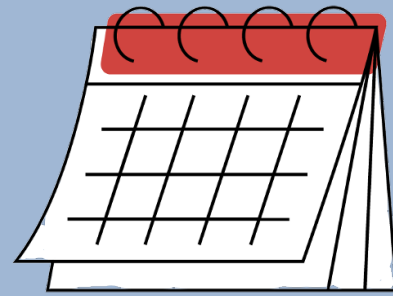
Sunday, November 19th, 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Rockville United Church  
355 Linthicum St, Rockville, MD 20851

### Holiday Giving - 1st December Distribution

Thursday, December 21, 3:00pm-7:00pm  
Grandin Office Multipurpose Room  
1010 Grandin Avenue, Rockville, MD 20851

### Holiday Giving - 2nd December Distribution

Saturday, December 23, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
10033 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854



## New Volunteer Opportunities



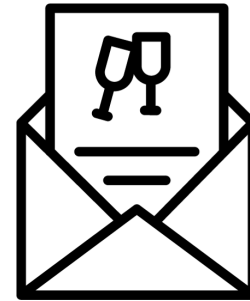
### Computer Literacy Tutor

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.



### Leaf Raking

Both Senior Reach and Housing will need volunteers to rake leaves at clients' homes. Currently we are looking for groups to provide leaf raking assistance at four locations. Volunteers may be asked to provide their own tools depending on location.



### Clinic Fundraiser Assistants

Assist on the day of the fundraiser, Saturday, November 4, 2023. Possible tasks include setup, guest check-in/registration, breakdown, etc.

[Check Out All Our Current Opportunities](#)

## Other Ways to Help



### **Donations Requested:**

#### **For Holiday Giving:**

Food baskets for Thanksgiving or December Holidays

#### **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](mailto:development@cmrocks.org).**

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