



Community Reach

of Montgomery County

December 2023 Newsletter

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Help Spread Festive Cheer with Holiday Giving

December Holiday Giving distributions take place next week, on December 21st and 23rd. This year, we have committed to providing meals to 213 families and toys or gift cards to almost 400 children and teens.

You can help bring festive cheer to community members in need. We welcome donations of meal baskets, gift cards for teens, and new, unwrapped toys for children. **At the moment, we are most in need of meal baskets for families and toys valued \$15 and up.**




- View our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or [Target Wishlist](#) to easily contribute toys
- Review [our list of suggested basket and gift card donations](#)

We would also like to thank our Thanksgiving Holiday Giving Partners who made our Thanksgiving distribution a success. Due to increased need in the community, Reach committed to helping more families than in any previous year. This was only possible thanks

to the generosity of our partners and volunteers, including:

Early Childhood Center * Holton Arms School * Landon School * Living Faith Lutheran Church
Potomac United Methodist Church * Rockville Presbyterian Church * Rockville United
Methodist Church * RUC Youth Group & Frank Samuelson * Stein Sperling Bennett De Jong
Driscoll PC * Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville * St. Barnabas Indian Orthodox
Mission * St. Elizabeth Catholic Church * Stephanie Edwards * Dawn Ely * Kevin Espino *
Elisabeth Fidler * Matthew Jallouk * Kevin Kane * Sharon Kemmerer * Paul Love * Lori Merrill
* Ellen Ryan * Rick Stumpf * Kathy Sklar

MKHC to Host Vaccine Day in Conjunction with Montgomery County DHHS



**Mansfield Kaseman
Health Clinic**

**Free
Vaccination
Day**

**Friday,
December 22**

at Mansfield Kaseman
Health Clinic
8 W. Middle Ln.
Rockville, MD 20850
10:00am - 3:00pm

For more information:
301-917-6800 or
frontdesk@cmrocks.org

**Mansfield Kaseman
HEALTH CLINIC**
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Get Free

- *COVID-19 COMIRNATY (Pfizer) vaccines for individuals 19 years old and older who do not have insurance or whose insurance does not cover the vaccine.*
- *Flu vaccines for 6-month olds and older, everyone is welcome.*

The Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic will host a COVID & Flu Vaccination Day on December 22nd from 10am-3pm at 8 West Middle Lane, Rockville, MD.

The event, held in conjunction with Montgomery County DHHS, will offer two vaccines: The COVID-19 Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine, which is free for individuals 19+ without insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the vaccine, and the flu vaccine, free and available to all 6 months or older.

We are pleased to partner with the County to help make vaccines more accessible, especially for the medically underserved. In particular, we hope to encourage patients who may be hesitant about interacting with authorities or getting medical care at unfamiliar places, or who don't know how to find free vaccines, to comfortably access vaccinations.

The Clinic needs bilingual Spanish/English interpreters for this event. Contact 301-917-6800 or frontdesk@cmrocks.org for more information

about interpreting or the event in general.

Please Remember Reach when Planning Your Year-End Giving

As you may know, Reach counts on raising a substantial amount of our funding through year-end giving. This funding helps make it possible to continue providing crucial services each year. If you'd like to read more about what Reach accomplished in 2023 and our plans for the next year, our [Year in Review](#) is available on our blog.

In determining what organizations you will support this December, please consider helping the most vulnerable in Montgomery County through a gift to Reach. You can donate in several ways:

- [Online via credit card.](#)
- By check sent to Community Reach of Montgomery County, 1010 Grandin Ave., #A1 Rockville, MD 20851 with "Year-End Appeal" in the notes

LOP Winter Semester & Citizenship Instructor Job Opening

LOP is hiring a Citizenship Instructor for the winter semester (Jan-March 2024). Teach online classes three nights a week to help students achieve their goal of becoming U.S. Citizens and prepare them for the Citizenship test. We are seeking a bilingual Spanish/English speaker with a college degree. For more information about this paid position, visit our [jobs page](#).

Classes resume for the LOP Winter semester on January 16th. LOP will offer ESL classes at three levels, Conversation classes, and Citizenship classes, all virtual. Students can register for placement tests during the first week of January. For more information, see our [program page](#).



We are very proud of the 260 adults and 38 children who took classes during the Fall semester. Congratulations to our students on a semester of hard work!

LOP Director Cecilia Rojas Awarded Proclamation by Montgomery County Council



LOP Director Cecilia Rojas received a proclamation from the Montgomery County Council in recognition of her Lifetime Achievement Award from Maryland TESOL and her 30+ years in the field of education. Cecilia also received a citation from State Senator Cheryl Kagan for her years of service. We are incredibly proud of Cecilia's achievements and her well-deserved commendation.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Proclamation Award Ceremony on November 28th!

Mark Your Calendars!

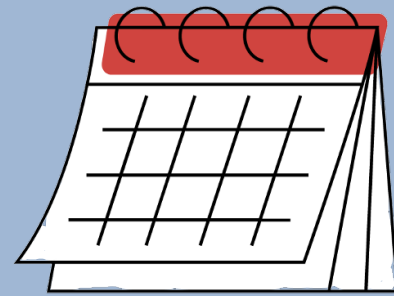
**Holiday Giving - 1st December
Distribution**

Thursday, December 21, 3:00pm-7:00pm

Grandin Office Multipurpose Room
1010 Grandin Avenue, Rockville, MD 20851

Vaccine Day at MKHC

Friday, December 22, 10:00am-3:00pm
Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic
8 West Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850



Holiday Giving - 2nd December Distribution

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

New Executive Director Sarah Basehart Joins Reach

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

LOP Winter Semester Begins

January 16, 2024
Placement tests available the first week of January

New Volunteer Opportunities

Interpreters for MKHC Vaccine Day (12/22)

Help Spanish speaking patients as they come in for COVID and flu vaccines. The Vaccine Day will take place from 10am - 3pm on December 22nd at the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic.

Contact frontdesk@cmrocks.org if you are interested or want to learn more!

Jefferson House Volunteer Opportunities

A single volunteer is needed to help an elderly Jefferson House resident learn very simple computer skills (Internet and email basics) using the PC at the house.

A group or company is needed to move and dispose of furniture from two upstairs bedrooms.

Contact development@cmrocks.org if you are interested or want to learn more!

[Check Out All Our Current Opportunities](#)

Other Ways to Help



Donations Requested:

For Holiday Giving:

Food baskets for Thanksgiving or December Holidays, gift cards for teens, new, unwrapped toys for children

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

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