



**Community Reach**  
*of Montgomery County*

## July 2023 Newsletter

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Want more news about what's going on at Reach?  
Follow us on social media and get the latest updates.

### Join Us for National Night Out



We will host an outreach table at Mount Calvary Baptist Church for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm. This annual community event works to promote

crime prevention, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie.

Stop by for a fun time and to say hello! The event will include music, face-painting, balloon sculpting, and food. The church is located at 608 N Horner Ln, Rockville.

## Thank You to Group Volunteers



Over the past two months, two dedicated groups of volunteers helped Senior Reach and Rockland House clients by performing yardwork (pruning, weeding, and disposing of debris).

In June, a group from Ignite JHDC worked at Rockland House.

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On July 19th, for the third time, CareFirst volunteers joined us as part of the CareFirst Week of Equity and Action. This year, they helped at both Senior Reach clients' homes and at Rockland House.



We always welcome groups that want to volunteer with us - current opportunities include:

- Yardwork for Senior Reach clients (groups of up to 6)
- Social activities with Senior Reach clients (groups of various sizes)
- Supply drives (cleaning supplies, grocery store/pharmacy gift cards)

Interested? Contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org)

## Save the Date - Clinic Fall Fundraiser

# 11.04.23

*Save the Date*

## Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic Fall Fundraiser

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

6-10PM

HILTON ROCKVILLE  
1750 ROCKVILLE PIKE



Planning for the Clinic Fall Fundraiser has begun! Join us at Hilton Rockville on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate another year of the Clinic's successes. We look forward to holding this event in-person for the first time since 2019.

Sponsorship opportunities are available - [see our sponsorship form](#) for information. We also welcome any individual contributions to the event's success. Contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org) with any questions.

## Senior Reach and Housing Programs Team Up to Help Elderly Jefferson House Resident

The clients we work with are often part of more than one underserved group that need different kinds of support.

For example, Mr. J is an elderly resident at Jefferson House, one of two houses we manage as part of our Housing Program for formerly homeless men and women. To ensure a healthy living environment, residents are required to keep their rooms clean, and to complete household chores in the areas shared by all. Mr. J has difficulty completing some of these tasks due to his age and limited mobility. This situation is common among seniors, who sometimes struggle with home upkeep, and it is one that we handle often with our Senior Reach Program clients.

Mr. J met with the Senior Reach Program Manager at the house to discuss his options for homecare services and signed up to receive 2-3 hours per week of light housekeeping from a personal aide, Mr. Kim.

Mr. J's time at Jefferson House will now be more manageable, and he can focus on making progress in other areas of self-growth. This "crossover" between two Reach programs demonstrates the way our services provide a safety net to the most vulnerable who need varied types of support.



## Preparing to Say Goodbye



After over 30 years with our organization, and more than 15 years as its Executive Director, Agnes Saenz will be stepping down in early September. The growth of two organizations (Reach and the Clinic), plus the additional challenges of the pandemic, the Clinic flood, and special projects have become a major undertaking for one Executive Director. Agnes is looking forward to some time off before eventually moving on to an opportunity that really takes only 40 hours of her time and includes fewer responsibilities. We are planning an appropriate send-off event to commemorate her time at Reach and celebrate her accomplishments with us - all

will be welcome to attend. Details to follow shortly.

During Agnes' time with Reach, the organization has substantially changed and grown. When she first joined the organization, her initial role was to digitize and rework the accounting records and office. The budget has grown from less than \$200K when Agnes joined to almost \$4 million today. During her tenure, she oversaw the creation of the Language Outreach Program (LOP) in 1993 and served as its first director, responding to changing community needs as more non-English speaking immigrants arrived and faced difficulties with communication. When promoted to Managing Director in 1998, she oversaw all of our housing programs, which at that time included Chase House, Sophia House, Hope Housing and Jefferson House. Agnes was also heavily involved with the creation of the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic and has served as its Executive Director since 2009. Many other developments have taken place under Agnes' skillful guidance, including the opening of Rockland House in 2014. She will be greatly missed, but as with any great leader, Agnes has prepared Reach to continue to thrive and grow after she leaves.

Agnes has also promised to remain involved with the organization as one of our staunchest supporters. She had the following words to share:

*"It has been a wonderful journey of almost 32 years! Having been part of the CMR family earlier on and now the REACH and Kaseman Clinic family has been a great ministry and service to our community that I feel very proud of. We have grown so much, and I leave in a time that the organization is stable and will continue to grow.*

*Like anything in life, there are ups and downs, and a moment and a reason for everything and it is my time to move on. I love this organization and will always be a friend and a donor and will continue to support and attend our events. Thanks to the Board and Staff of all these 32 years for allowing me to serve."*

The Reach Board has formed a search committee to help identify new leadership for Reach. Plans are underway to recruit an interim executive director. Updates will be provided about the search as well as plans for the celebration of Agnes' contributions to Reach.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### National Night Out

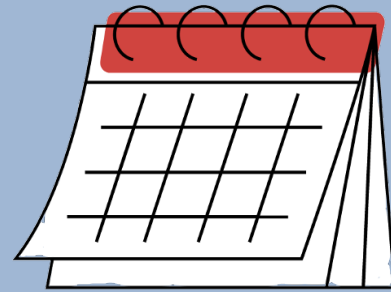
Tuesday, August 1st, 6:00pm-8:00pm

## Office Reorganization and Furniture Removal

August 4th - 6th  
Grandin Office  
Volunteer to help us move furniture/bulky items

## Clinic Fall Fundraiser

November 4th, 6:00pm-10:00pm  
Hilton Rockville (in person!)



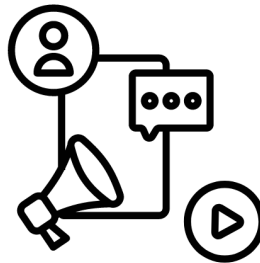
## New Volunteer Opportunities



### Painting Projects for Senior Reach Clients

Volunteers are requested to help at two Senior Reach clients' homes in Rockville for interior painting projects.

Each project requires 3-4 volunteers. Paint and supplies will be provided. Timing is flexible.



### Marketing Intern

We are looking for a Marketing Intern to work with the Development team. Duties will include researching prospective donors, creating marketing materials, social media campaigns, and collaborating on strategies for the department. This unpaid opportunity will run for approximately 4-6 weeks, but may be extended.



### Moving and/or Disposing of Furniture

We are rearranging the Grandin Avenue office space and will have office furniture to dispose of. The items are usable but bulky. Help is requested with moving items on 8/5 or after.

We are also looking for help to move unneeded household furniture from Jefferson House. Some items could be refurbished or sold, while others are unusable. We hope to move items ASAP.

**Contact Us About  
Volunteering**

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

**INTERPRETERS** at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once a week. Must be 18+.

**EVALUATORS FOR REACH PROGRAMS** - Reach programs are evaluated regularly by volunteers so the organization



and the program leads can receive an objective opinion on what is working well and what improvements can be made. The work requires interviews with the program leads and others, at least one in-person visit, and the submission of a final written report. Volunteers should have an understanding of evaluations, the ability to do research to determine best practices, and good writing skills. Some experience in the area that is being evaluated is helpful but not necessary.

**CLIENT INTAKE COORDINATORS** for Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP). Are you a compassionate, detail-oriented person with a desire to help those in need? Work a four-hour shift weekly during business hours (ideally from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) to help us assist Rockville residents facing eviction, provide County residents with referrals for low-cost dental and other services, and much more. Training is provided.

**SPECIAL PROJECT (PROGRAM PROCEDURES)** - Help complete our procedure manuals for various departments and/or programs by interviewing staff members and drafting text. Writing and editing skills preferred.



**Donations Requested:**

**For the Housing Program:**

A gently used bicycle for an adult male Jefferson House resident to use for job interviews/applications and personal errands like grocery shopping and picking up medications.

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 these opportunities and current needs, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org).**

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