



Community Reach

of Montgomery County

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Meet the New Development Team

Two new employees have joined the Development staff at Reach since the new year. We're thrilled to welcome Courtney Proctor as the new Director of Development & Volunteer Services and Maeve Wiegand as the new Development Coordinator.



Courtney Proctor is a native of the MS Gulf Coast, but has lived in Montgomery County, MD for almost 20 years. During that time, she has served the local community in various leadership capacities. She is the past chair of the

Maeve Wiegand started out as a volunteer, working to create a procedures manual for the Development department. When a position on the Development staff opened up, she jumped at the chance to

Rockville Human Rights Commission and former community director and executive board member of two local nonprofits. She currently serves on two advisory committees for the National MS Society. Courtney is grateful for the opportunity to use her experience and passion for service to help further Reach's mission and vision.

take on a more active role. Maeve is a Washington, DC native who now lives in Silver Spring. She has a background in translation and teaching, and has lived in many places including Russia and Scotland. She is excited for a chance to learn new skills and contribute to an organization that does meaningful work.

Gala News and Request for Volunteers



We are pleased to announce that Craig Rice has agreed to be the auctioneer at the Annual Gala on May 6th! A former Montgomery County Councilmember, Mr. Rice has worked with us for a number of years to help make the live auction a big success.

The entire Development team has been hard at work with preparations for the gala. As the event will return to being in person this year, we are once again organizing the popular silent auction. This year, the auction will be available both at the event and online, so anyone can take part in the bidding. Look out for an email at the end of the month when the auction opens!

We are looking for volunteers who can help with pre-event preparations, including collecting auction items and making decorations and baskets. We also need volunteers on the day of the event to help attendees. If you're interested, sign up for a day-of shift below or reach out to Courtney at cproctor@cmrocks.org.

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

REAP Helps a Single Father Stay in His Home



Our REAP Director recently reported a success story that highlights the impact that our help has on clients.

Mr. A is a single father of two who was referred to REAP for financial assistance to pay rent and utilities. He was struggling to find a full-time job in hospitality management and could not afford to cover the current higher costs of food, rent, and utilities with his income. In order to help stabilize the family financially, REAP staff provided crucial case management to help him complete online applications for energy assistance, SNAP (food stamps), and childcare subsidies. They also helped him file for child support from the noncustodial parent.

This assistance allowed Mr. A the time to find a job that will cover the bills. Access to SNAP helps ease the pain of higher food prices, childcare subsidies have offered his children the opportunity to enroll in before and after school care, and energy assistance brings his utility costs to a level he can afford. He and his children have been able to remain in their home. In addition to receiving a sense of stability, Mr. A can spend the time he had previously spent searching for a job and seeking financial help on being a more engaged parent to his two girls.

People contact REAP for help when they face financial crises. Often, the help they receive prevents them from losing their homes. For more information about the services REAP provides, go to the [program page](#) on our website.

Taste of Rockville is Around the Corner



Summer is approaching, and with it the Hometown Holidays celebration. This entertainment event, put on by the City of Rockville, is free to attend and takes place over Memorial Day weekend. As part of the event, Reach and the Greater Rockville Chamber of

Commerce work together to organize the Taste of Rockville, a showcase of local restaurants. This long-standing partnership is a fundraiser for both organizations and an excellent opportunity to celebrate the community and businesses in the area.

We look forward to seeing you there on May 27-28th. The event runs from 11 am to 7 pm at Redgate Park. For more information and to see the list of participating restaurants, check out the [Hometown Holidays webpage](#).

Volunteers are needed to sell "taste" tickets on both days. Volunteers must be 16+ or 12-15 if accompanied by an adult. SSL hours are available. Shifts are usually 2.5 hours long, and groups are welcome to work shifts together. Special volunteer parking is available, and volunteers receive free food tickets to use at the event. If you're interested in taking part, reach out to Andrea.

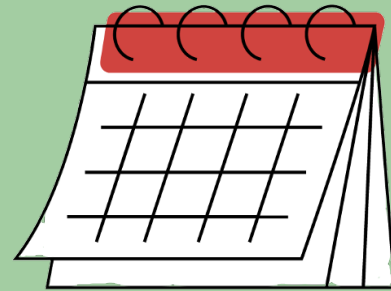
Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, May 6 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2023 ANNUAL GALA - RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY CELEBRATION

Lakewood Country Club
13901 Glen Mill Road, Rockville

[Get tickets on Eventbrite](#)



Saturday and Sunday, May 27 & 28 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

TASTE OF ROCKVILLE AT HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS

Redgate Park
14500 Avery Road, Rockville

Friday, June 16 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOP GRADUATION CEREMONY

via Zoom

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

INTERPRETERS at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once a week. Openings are currently available on Fridays for the morning and afternoon shifts.

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - If you're interested in organizing or taking part in a group volunteer opportunity this spring, please contact us!

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 pandemic put those evaluations on hold, so we are now searching for volunteers to evaluate our Language Outreach Program, Senior Reach Program, and Housing Program. 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.

FRIENDLY CALLERS FOR SENIOR REACH PROGRAM - Make weekly phone calls to one or more clients who receive homecare services to make sure they are pleased with the work, and to keep the Senior Reach Program Manager aware of significant events in their lives (*i.e.*, falls or illness, overnight visit with friends or relatives, changes in cognition). The client and volunteer work together to determine the best day and time for phone calls, the general length of the call, and the topics to discuss.

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.

JOIN A REACH COMMITTEE - Development, Finance, Faith Advisory, and Governance currently all meet online as standing committees. Help determine the success of Reach through your service. Short-term committees (such as the Gala and NextGen committees) also need new members.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

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 the Housing Program

New or gently used pots and pans for Jefferson House.

New or used toaster oven, four slice toaster, or electric can opener for Rockland House.

For more information about these opportunities and others, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact Courtney Proctor at cproctor@cmrocks.org



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