



Community Reach

of Montgomery County

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A SHOUT-OUT & THANK YOU

Chuck Lee has been a supporter of and volunteer at Reach for decades. In that time, he has served on the Board as a member and as the Chair; sponsored every Gala and MKHC event with his wife, Carol; shared information about Reach's work with the community; endorsed and attended every LOP Graduation; and photographed Reach events, programs, staff, volunteers, and so much more. After two decades of telling the Reach story through pictures, Chuck has decided it is time to retire from that work. He and Carol plan to remain involved with Reach in any way they can help, including just coming in to stuff, seal, and stamp envelopes if that is what will help the organization serve the community.

Reach wants to publicly thank Chuck for his dedication and service to our organization. Most of the photos that appear in our newsletters, annual reports, and social media have been taken by Chuck. We will truly miss his talent and ability to "tell the story." Thank you, Chuck, for always showing up, for the big and the small events, bringing your lights and camera to shoot portraits of staff, board, and volunteers, and for constantly shining a light on this organization!



MEET REACH'S HOUSING MANAGER

Meet Ann Hamlin, Reach Housing Program Manager since July of this year! The Housing Manager is a unique position that requires



many skills. Ann serves as a case manager for our residents as well as a property manager for Rockland and Jefferson Houses. She is tasked with both assisting residents as they move toward a return to self sufficiency, and attends to the repairs and maintenance of both houses. In addition, Ann handles all the administrative tasks required of a program manager - completing grant reports, controlling the program budget, interacting with volunteers, and so much more. Reach staff are delighted that Ann has joined the team.

Ann holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and BAs in both English and Economics. She grew up in Virginia Beach and has lived in Olney for many years. Her career began in banking and then healthcare where she managed financial, business planning, contracting, and marketing operations. She earned a TESOL certificate and taught English as a Second Language, helping immigrants to adapt and become involved in their new communities. That passion for helping the vulnerable led her to a volunteer position with Rainbow Place Women's Shelter which soon became a staff position as a case manager. She worked individually with each client to develop their personal best path to stable housing.

In a recent presentation to new Reach board members, Ann spoke about what she personally gets from her work with housing residents. "Rewards come from having a gentle conversation with someone to encourage them during the day to assisting with the resolution of a rental payment," she noted. As Ann becomes more familiar with Reach, the Housing Program, and the individual residents, her future goals include a greater emphasis on residents' involvement in external activities, and ways to accomplish that both while maintaining current social distancing requirements and when those requirements are no longer needed. She is currently working with residents to encourage involvement and greater accountability for participating in online classes, clubs, faith services, or meetings, and exploring projects that can benefit their neighbors and be completed at home. Both Ann and the residents look forward to the time when they can explore more in person opportunities to positively engage with the community.

Ann can be reached at AHamlin@CMRocks.org. Additional information about the Reach Housing Program can be found [HERE](#).

MKHC CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 28TH

Have you heard about the celebration for the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic (MKHC) taking place on Thursday evening, October 28th? This fall event will be virtual once again this year. To especially highlight this year's work and highlight the COVID support MKHC has provided to the community, the theme is "Nurturing Trusted Healthcare Partnerships."

The event will be held over Zoom and begins at 7:00 p.m. but "doors" will open at 6:45 p.m. so everyone is comfortably in their seats before the program starts. Montgomery County Councilmember Gabe Albornoz will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The event that is being planned by a committee led by City of Rockville Councilmember Monique Ashton.



Highlights of the evening include a live auction, trivia game with audience participation, video messages from representatives of Salud y Bienestar, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Adventist HealthCare, and an MKHC patient. Musical performances are being donated by Jim Levy, a longtime Reach supporter, professional musician and music teacher.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and that information can be found [HERE](#). See the current list of sponsors and additional information about the evening on the [EVENTS PAGE](#) of the Reach website. A donation of any amount can be made to hold a reservation. The suggested donation, as one of the goals of this event is to raise funds to support the work of MKHC, is \$50.00. Make a reservation, or a donation related to the event [HERE](#).

2021-22 ROCKVILLE REWARDS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE



The new Rockville Rewards card is now available! Purchase the card and use it to receive discounts to over 100 local businesses through August 31, 2022. The full purchase price of the card, \$25, goes to the nonprofit where you purchase the card, to the participating nonprofit you designate when purchasing the card at the [Rockville Rewards website](#), or is evenly split between all participating nonprofits if one is not designated. Current participating vendors (more added throughout the year) and the discount and specials that are

offered are listed at RR [Participating Businesses](#).

This program is a 3Fer as it benefits card holders, for profit and nonprofit businesses. Card holders save money when they purchase at participating establishments that are all local businesses. Nonprofits receive much needed funding through the sales of the card, and local establishments do more business. In addition, local sales increase the tax base and the services that can be provided by local government.

Reach is a participating nonprofit. Purchase Rockville Rewards through Reach so your \$25 supports Reach programs while offering you discounts through August 2022. [Email](#) or call 301-637-0730 to purchase a Rockville Rewards Card directly from Reach, or order the card through the [website](#) and designate Community Reach of Montgomery County as your nonprofit of choice.

THE WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING

For over a decade, Reach has helped struggling families have a brighter holiday season by participating in the Montgomery County Holiday Giving Program. Reach is both a distributor of holiday dinner baskets for Thanksgiving, toys, gift cards and dinner baskets for December holidays, and referring partner for clients. Information about this Reach project is available on the Reach [Holiday Giving](#) webpage.



Everything Reach provides as a distributor is donated by supporters. That includes holiday dinner baskets and grocery gift cards for both Thanksgiving and December, new toys for children up to 12 years old, and gift cards for the older children.

Most residents served by Reach for Thanksgiving live outside the City of Rockville in greater Rockville area of zip codes 20850-20855. The City of Rockville directly supports residents living within city limits. Approximately 250 families count on Reach for their Thanksgiving holiday meal. Reach gives each family a complete dinner basket that includes all the usual trimmings to be prepared at their home. In addition, a \$25 Safeway or Giant gift card is given for the purchase of the main dish, such as turkey.

In 2020, Reach helped over 180 households with 400+ children for the December holidays. These families lived in zip code 20854, the Bethesda zip codes and in the Aspen Hill area. We expect a similar or higher number of referrals from the same areas this year.

At December distribution, parents are invited to choose new, unwrapped toys for their children ages 0-12, and receive gift cards for their teenagers under 18 years old. Additionally, families receive a holiday dinner basket and \$25 gift card for the main dish.

Reach has been able to serve so many families because of the generosity of our supporters. The number of families requesting help this season is once again expected to be very high. Information about how our supporters can help may be found [HERE](#). Donors bring filled holiday dinner baskets and gift cards to Reach on distribution day or a couple of days in advance. Suggested items to be included in the baskets for Thanksgiving can be found [HERE](#), and information for all December donation recommendations, including holiday dinner, is listed [HERE](#). Volunteers are needed to help on distribution days.

For 2021, most distribution activities will take place outside or in large, well-ventilated spaces with lots of space for social distancing. A request for people to sign up for shifts on Sunday, November 21, Thursday, December 16, and Saturday, December 18 will be posted in the next newsletter.

For individuals and organizations that want additional information about supporting Reach's Holiday Giving Project, please reach out to [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#), Director of Development and Volunteer Services.

MKHC IS HIRING - RN WANTED



MKHC is advertising for a Nurse to help build out the planned Diabetic Center, optimize patient flow, and ensure our patients are receiving the highest quality and compassionate care.

The full job posting and application process is available at the Reach website, CMRocks.org, under "About Us," "Job Opportunities." [LINK HERE](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, October 18, 2021 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MKHC FALL EVENT

Virtual

Registration Information [HERE](#)

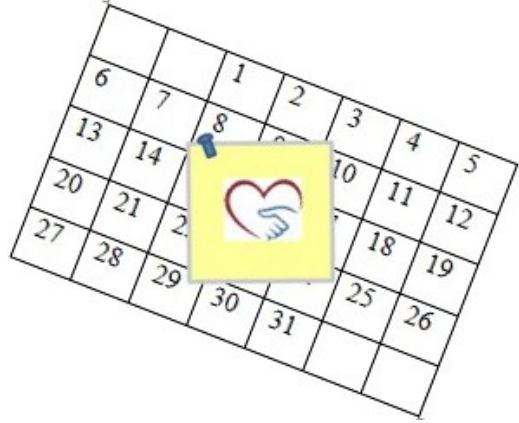
Sunday, November 21, 2021 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DINNER DISTRIBUTION

Tentative location: Rockville United Church

355 Linthicum Avenue, Rockville, MD

exact time of event may change slightly



Monday, December 13, 2021 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

***ROCKVILLE CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY
& TOY DRIVE***

To benefit the Reach Holiday Giving Program

Fogo de Chao, 11600 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda, MD

Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION

Multipurpose Room

1010 Grandin Avenue, Rockville, MD

Saturday, December 18, 2021 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION

St. Francis Episcopal Church

10033 River Road, Potomac, MD

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

POWERPOINT EXPERT - to help take a basic PowerPoint draft to a true work of art with movement and background music. Do the work from your home at your convenience. Reach is currently in need of two pieces each year (at least while our events are virtual) and the **next one is needed by October 21st** for the October 28th MKHC event. The final product includes 30 - 40 slides and has a viewing time of 6 - 9 minutes. MKHC does have a small budget for production of the piece, or may be able to offer SSL hours. For more information, please contact AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org.

PHOTOGRAPHER to document the work of Reach, our programs, events, and people. Our longtime volunteer photographer is "retiring" and Reach would like to find two or three volunteers who are available to take the spot. A current board member has agreed to be added to the list so we are looking for one or two more. Volunteers on the list will receive a request through email when a photographer is needed to document a specific event or when Reach needs pictures of program activities, portraits of staff/board, etc. Pictures at events may include candid photos of activities as well as group pictures.

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 also need new members.

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 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm) to help us

assist Rockville facing eviction; provide County residents with referrals for low-cost dental and other services; and much more. Training is provided.

INTERPRETERS at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once each week between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Openings currently on Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Help us ensure that our providers and patients can communicate clearly. Confidentiality is required.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS to spend a few hours raking leaves at the home(s) of our senior clients who are no longer able to complete the task themselves. One day opportunity (usually about 2 hours) In late October, November, or December.

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 more information about these opportunities and others, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#) at 301-637-0172.



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