



Community Reach

of Montgomery County

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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Don't forget to schedule regular cancer screenings
for Breast Cancer, Colon Cancer, and others

MOURNING JOHANNA MARSHALL

Reach staff was recently informed that our longtime supporter, Johanna Marshall, passed away this summer.

Johanna had supported Reach with her time, treasure and talent for over a decade. She had served on many event committees and as the representative of faith organizations. Johanna was a substantial sponsor of many Reach galas and filled her sponsor tables with faces who were new to Reach and our mission. Her in-kind donations were always interesting, and added excitement to Reach event auctions.

Johanna moved back to the town where she grew up, Plainfield, New Jersey, a few years ago, after living in Rockville for decades. After the move, she continued to be an avid Reach supporter, sponsoring our Gala even when she could not attend, and contacting staff to keep updated on Reach matters.



A wonderful singer, Johanna belonged to many choral groups, including the Grammy award-

winning Washington Chorus. She was an avid reader, loved to travel, and enjoyed her many years of work for the World Bank. Proud of her Italian-American heritage, Johanna was active in UNICO National, the "largest Italian American service organization in the USA." She truly cared about people in her communities, both here and in her hometown.

Johanna was 76 years old, still transcribing court sessions, and enjoying her reconnection with friends and old schoolmates. The Reach staff will miss her.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Meet MKHC Volunteer, Grace Bachman:

Grace grew up on a farm, but her career plan was always to become a nurse. After years of study, she received her nursing degree in 2019.

"It's been difficult finding a clinic that focuses on providing thorough, patient centered care," Grace recently stated. "After speaking with a(n) MKHC volunteer about this clinic, I knew this was the type of clinic I wanted to volunteer with."

When asked why Grace decided to seek the opportunity to volunteer at MKHC, she stated, "I would like to help those in the community better care for themselves, gain a better understanding of community outreach within healthcare, as well as gain outpatient nursing skills." At MKHC, Grace volunteers one day a week as a registered nurse, providing triage, administering vaccines, and helping medical providers care for patients.

Thank you to Grace Bachman for helping the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic provide the best care for our patients. For neighbors who are under or uninsured, it is very difficult to afford healthcare. Volunteers help MKHC provide that care at an affordable cost.

For information about volunteer opportunities with Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic and other Reach programs, see our [Volunteer Page](#).

KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC IS HIRING!

Applications are being accepted for a full-time Registered Nurse.

See the job opportunity [HERE](#)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MKHC

For the second year, our Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic fall event was virtual, and Montgomery County Council Vice President, Gabe Albornoz, served as our Master of Ceremonies again. Thank you to all our speakers and supporters who attended on Thursday, October 28th.

MKHC Board and staff want to especially recognize those

who provided the video messages played during "Nurturing Trusted Healthcare Partnerships." Sonia Mora of Montgomery County Government, MKHC patient Luis, Margie Hackett from Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital, and Nancy Do and Sherri Gilchrest of Shady Grove Medical Center helped share the story of MKHC partnerships. Katie Stauderman volunteered her time and talent to create the Event video. Those messages and more will be available on the Reach events [webpage](#) by November 5th. The evening's electronic program with more information about MKHC, messages from our chair, leadership, and others, can also be found [here](#) or at the event webpage.



The event committee was chaired by City of Rockville Councilmember Monique Ashton. Committee members included Odeth Berlin, Barbara Courtney, Jody Eccleston, Jessica Fagnani, Andrea Kempner-Wink, Diane Kittower, Angeline Lazarus, Carmen Lezama, Jackie Lobien, Donna R. Perry, Bridget Plummer, Patricia Rios, Agnes Saenz, Enrique Viscarra, and Stephanie Wright. They provided ideas, energy, connections, and actual legwork to put together the event. With a small staff that is concentrated on serving our patients, events like this could not happen without the leadership of a volunteer like Monique and the work of the committee.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Gabe Albornoz, kept the audience engaged while sharing the important message about why trusted partnerships are essential to providing the highest quality care. He and Monique also helped raise the last \$11,000 of the evening's funding goal. A long list of generous sponsors provided a strong start to that goal. Please see the full list of sponsors at www.cmrocks.org/events. A special shout-out to the evening's top sponsors, Adventist HealthCare, Donna R Perry MD, Monique and George Ashton, Kasey and Dianne Kaseman, Angeline Lazarus MD, as well as Bill and Barb Scharf.

For those who did not have the opportunity to attend, or donate to MKHC on October 28th, and would like to donate, you can do so [here](#).

MKHC board and staff look forward to seeing everyone in person in the Fall of 2022! More information about [Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic](#).

HOLIDAY GIVING IS FAST APPROACHING

Referrals for assistance for Thanksgiving are in and neighbors who would like help for the December holidays are continuing to come in to the Holiday Giving Program of Montgomery County. Community Reach of Montgomery County will be serving many of these families and asks for your help in accomplishing this goal to feed 250 families for Thanksgiving, 400+ children and 180 families for December.

Most residents served by Reach for Thanksgiving live outside the City of Rockville in greater Rockville area of zip codes 20850-20855. Thanksgiving holiday meals and gift cards for a Turkey or other protein will be picked up by these neighbors on Sunday, November 21st at Rockville United Church. Supporters can help



feed these families by building and delivering holiday baskets, or by volunteering to help on Friday, November 19th, or Sunday, November 21st. Information about basket and gift card donation can be found [HERE](#). For those interested in volunteering, please email [Andrea Kempner-Wink](mailto:Andrea.Kempner-Wink@reach.org). On Sunday, November 21st, shifts are available from 11:30am to 2:30pm and from 2:30pm to 5:30pm for volunteers 16 and over, or for younger volunteers who are accompanied by an adult. Volunteers may also be needed for picking up or helping to off-load basket deliveries on Friday, November 19th.

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.

Information about donations requested for the December holidays can be found [HERE](#). A request for volunteer assistance to sort toys the week of December 13th, and to help with distribution on Thursday, December 16th and Saturday, December 18th will go out in November.

All of this year's distribution events will take place outside or in large, well-ventilated spaces with lots of space for social distancing.

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

GROUP VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY - LEAF RAKERS



The leaves are late in falling this year. Although some volunteer groups have already been out to assist Senior Reach Program clients who live in houses, the trees were not ready to shed their bounty.

Senior Reach clients are still in need of assistance as the leaves finally cooperate and hit the ground. For individuals or groups interested in helping clients with their rakes and leaf blowers, and the work to get the job done, please contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](mailto:Andrea.Kempner-Wink@reach.org). When possible, Reach attempts to schedule the events on the days just before the City of Rockville has scheduled curbside pick-up. That way, leaves do not need to be bagged. They are just piled at the curb.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

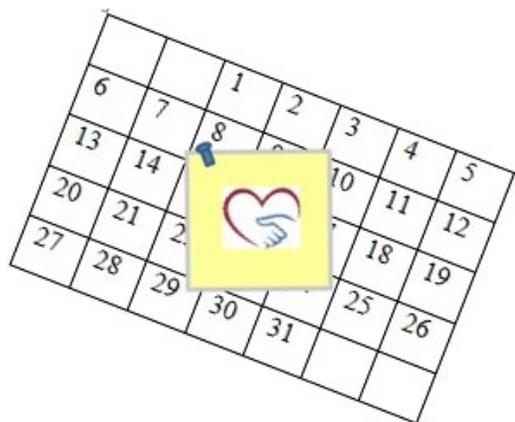
THANKSGIVING DINNER DISTRIBUTION

Rockville United Church

355 Linthicum Avenue, Rockville, MD

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

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.

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 November, or December.

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 residents 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.

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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