



**Community Reach**  
*of Montgomery County*

**NEWSLETTER June 2022**

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**REACH IS AGAIN SELECTED AS A "BEST SMALL CHARITY"**



The Catalogue for Philanthropy (CFP) has once again selected Community Reach of Montgomery County as a Best Small Charity in the Washington, D.C. metro area. The 2022-23 Class is the 20th Class established by CFP.

In order to be considered for this designation, a nonprofit organization must complete a rigorous application. A group of 170 community advocates then evaluates the impact, the need addressed, community involvement, and financial health of those that have applied. Organizations may only be accepted every three years for the annual print edition, although those organizations may continue to be included in the list of organizations on the CFP website during the second and third year. Reach is proud to have been chosen for the print version in 2016-2017, 2019-20, and this year, and has appeared online every year in between. Find more information about the Catalogue for Philanthropy [here](#).

**KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC UPDATES**

There is a lot going on at Kaseman Health Clinic this summer and fall.

COVID Clinics: The Clinic will be closed on Saturday, July 2

so staff may spend the holiday weekend with family. On Saturday, July 9, Kaseman Health Clinic will begin providing COVID vaccines for children six months old and up. Saturday hours for July will be 10 am to 1 pm.

Return to 8 West Middle Lane: Work is progressing at the Clinic's permanent home and contractors expect to complete repairs in the middle of July so equipment and staff can move back, and patients will return no later than the end of the month. A catastrophic flood from a remodeling project in the suite above the Clinic required the Clinic operations to move to Rockville United Church in January. The Clinic Board and staff plan to hold an open house in early September to welcome supporters back to the permanent space.



Welcome New Staff: The Kaseman Health Clinic welcomed two new staff members this spring. Maria Cordero greets patients at the Front Desk and Registered Nurse Ali Smith serves their medical needs.

Fundraising Events for Kaseman Health Clinic: Each year, Reach holds a Fiscal Year-End fundraising campaign for the Clinic. Supporters who want to offer a donation for the Year-End Campaign through a credit card may use this [link](#). Checks to Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic can be mailed to Reach at 1010 Grandin Avenue. #A1, Rockville, MD 20851. Please write "Year End" in the memo section.

The Kaseman Health Clinic annual fundraising event is scheduled to take place virtually on Thursday evening, October 20, 2022. Please Save the Date. The first meeting of the Event Committee will take place on Monday, July 11. Any supporter interested in learning more or joining the committee may contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at [AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org](mailto:AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org).

More information about the Kaseman Health Clinic can be found at [CMRocks.org/MKHC](http://CMRocks.org/MKHC).

## REACH WELCOMES ANDREA KEMPNER-WINK AS MANAGING DIRECTOR



Andrea Kempner-Wink has been named the new Managing Director for REACH effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Andrea is no stranger to the organization, as she has served as Director of Development since 2013. In her new role, she will have oversight of the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, Senior Reach Program, Language Outreach Program, and Housing Program, as well as the Development Department, Human Resources, and Community Outreach. "I am looking forward to working with Andrea as we move Reach and the Kaseman Clinic forward to post pandemic, better, newer, and more stable times," said Agnes Saenz, Executive Director.

The new Managing Director position is a result of a restructuring of the former Deputy Director position. Reach has reconfigured the work into two positions to include a part-time Finance Director and a part-time Managing Director.

Jody Eccleston, former Director of Finance, has agreed to come out of retirement to serve

as Interim Finance Director. In that capacity, she will help determine changes to the department's policies and procedures, as well as evaluate ongoing staffing needs.

After almost five years as Reach Deputy Director, Brenda Reid Jones resigned to work in a different industry. Brenda served as a strong advocate of Reach and program staff, and the Reach leadership thanks her for her work to support its mission to serve the most vulnerable in Rockville and Montgomery County.

Applications are currently being accepted for the position of Director of Development. Find information about that job opportunity [here](#).

As staff shortages plague many industries and organizations, Reach wishes to honor its staff for their service to the Rockville and Montgomery County community. Many staff members have been with the organization in excess of ten years.

## ANOTHER LOP GRADUATION

The Language Outreach Program (LOP) proudly recognized 120 students in a virtual graduation ceremony on Friday, June 17. The students worked hard to learn English as a Second Language, a task that is much more difficult for an adult learner. Each of the students who were recognized put in many hours of virtual learning and practice to be able to move to the next class level this Fall.



Tom Perez, a longtime community activist who has held multiple positions in the Montgomery County, Maryland, and U.S. governments, provided the keynote address for students. Find his full remarks [here](#). Montgomery County Council President, Gabe Albornoz, a first-generation American, offered a live message of congratulations in both English and Spanish to the graduates and their families. In addition, Ingrid Rojas, a student in the Advanced class, and Kevin Burke, a new ESOL teacher, spoke of the importance of the classes in their lives.

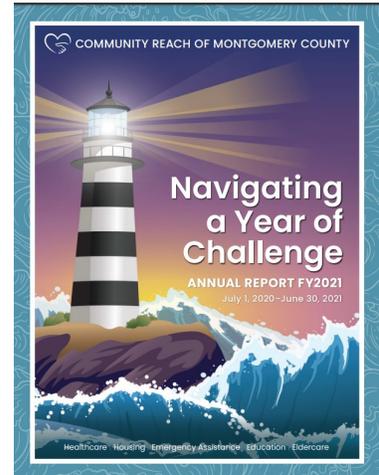
LOP Director, Cecilia Rojas, opened the evening by stating "When we talk about learning a new language, we know it takes dedication, time, and a lot of practice, but when you have two jobs and family to care for, it is not that easy. It takes courage, which is a word to which every immigrant can relate. We know studying English is the only way we can build a fuller life in the community. English is the key to success for our families. The staff and volunteers of LOP and Reach are so proud of all of you, because you decided to continue your education. "

The work of LOP Child Tutors, who helped the children of students understand and complete school assignments throughout the year, was also recognized. After a long period of virtual learning with issues of internet connection, difficulty in asking for individual help, and the complications of trying to complete schoolwork in a home with many conflicting activities, it is more important than ever to provide this additional resource to the families that LOP serves.

The LOP summer session, including ESOL, Conversation, and US Citizenship classes, begins on Tuesday, July 5. Find information about upcoming classes, and LOP in general, [here](#).

# NOW AVAILABLE AT CMROCKS.ORG: THE FY2021 ANNUAL REPORT & DEVELOPMENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

Reach supporters are asked to check out two new additions to the Reach website at [CMRocks.org](http://CMRocks.org). Under the "News" page, find the [link](#) to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report to learn about Reach accomplishments, volunteers, donors, and financial reports. To request a printed copy of the Annual Report, please email [JFagnani@CMRocks.org](mailto:JFagnani@CMRocks.org) with the request and mailing address.



A new job description for the position of Director of Development has been created. Reach is accepting applications for this position that will oversee all Development and Volunteer Management functions including grant applications. After the new Director of Development is established in their position, Reach will advertise to fill a Development Assistant position. Find the Director of Development position description [here](#) and look for the opening of the Development Assistant position in late summer at the same webpage location. Resumes may be submitted to [JFagnani@CMRocks.org](mailto:JFagnani@CMRocks.org) with the subject line "Development Director."

## *Mark Your Calendar!*

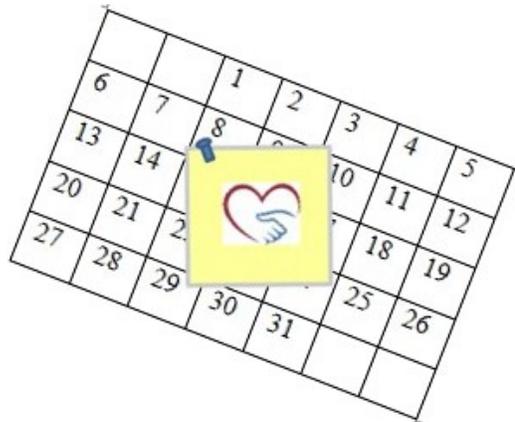
**Save the Date:**

**Thursday Evening, Oct. 20, 2022**

### **KASEMEN HEALTH CLINIC FALL FUNDRAISER**

Virtual Zoom Webinar

More Information Available in August



## **SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**BECOME A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEW NEXTGEN REACH COMMITTEE** - The Reach Board and staff wish to have a stronger connection with potential supporters of every generation, especially those who have not yet found a local organization that matches their passion. The NextGen Committee is in the act of forming with the mission to find and connect with the next generation of Reach leaders. Especially wanted: committee members between the age of 25 and 45. Please contact [Andrea](#) if interested.

**CLIENT INTAKE COORDINATORS** for Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) beginning early September when REAP is able to once again occupy its permanent office at Kaseman Health Clinic. 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 am-

1 pm or 1 pm-5 pm) 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 also need new members.

**INTERPRETERS** at the Kaseman Health Clinic are needed for four-hour shifts once each week between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. 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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