

# HISTORY OF COMMUNITY REACH OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1967-2020

## NAMES OF THE ORGANIZATION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



### ➤ **1967 to 1979:**

United Church Center for Community Ministries

### ➤ **1979 to March 2019:**

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR),  
Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic, LLC,  
established in 2010 as a subsidiary of parent company.

### ➤ **April 2019 to Present:**

Community Reach of Montgomery County (REACH)

# 1967 to 1979

## A Voice to the Community & Advocacy

### 1967: Birth

- Faith United Church of Christ and minister, Rev. Don MacCallum had a vision for local advocacy.
- St. Andrew Presbyterian and Rev. Dr. Wiley Prugh was working for fair housing and other missions
- The ministers and churches merged to become Rockville United Church
- Vision for both missions became the **United Church Center for Community Ministries** (UCCCR), headed by Rev MacCallum.
- Parish minister for RUC was Rev. Dr. Wiley Prugh

### 1972:

- The Community Minister position passed to Rev. Alfred Winham (and his wife) strong supporters of Civil Rights issues.
- Community organizing around fair housing and civil rights

### 1979:

- Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman became the community Minister.
  - Balanced advocacy for systems change with direct services to people in need.
- UCCCM reorganized
  - Name becomes **Community Ministries of Rockville.**
  - Additional Faith communities contribute board members

# Decade of the 80's

## The establishment of Direct Service Programs

### 1981:

- City of Rockville Contract
- The Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) created to guarantee no citizen of Rockville would go without food, shelter, and healthcare.

### 1982

- Rev Kaseman becomes both community minister and pastor of RUC.

### 1983:

- Elderly Ministries Program for City of Rockville residents providing home care services for elders aging in place.

### 1986:

- Opening Chase Partnership Shelter.  
(Named after Calvin Chase, a homeless man who froze to death behind a gas station in Rockville),
- Transitional shelter for men.

### 1989:

- Community Ministries of Rockville, Inc. officially becomes a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

# Decade of the 90's

## Direct Services Program Expansion

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**1991: Jefferson House**, a permanent supportive home for six men who have successfully completed addiction programs.

**1991:** Agnes Saenz joins CMR team to help with finances and Hispanic outreach.

**1992: CMR** (and RUC) celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**1993: The Latino Outreach Program** (LOP),  
affordable

- ▶ "English as a second language" classes for adults
- ▶ Child care and homework assistance for the students' children.

**1995: Elderly Ministries**

"Safe and Habitable" services are added to the program

**1995: LOP**

Children's classes include drug and alcohol awareness sessions

**1997: Sophia House**

Emergency shelter to homeless women.

**1998:** Agnes Saenz becomes Managing Director of CMR

**1999: LOP**

Added Naturalization & Citizenship program.

# Decade of 2000 to 2010

## Changes in Housing & Planning Implementation of Healthcare Services

**2001: LOP** expands  
Health education.

**2003: HOPE Housing** program,

- Three permanent supportive houses for formerly homeless men and women.
- **Sophia House** management moves to Community Ministries of Montgomery County.

**2003-2004:**

### Health Care Initiative

- Focus groups to determine health service needs
- Provision of medical care in partnership with Mobile Med
- Creates a health advisory committee to plan a permanent clinic.

**2005:**

Rev. Kaseman retires becomes  
Executive Director Emeritus.

**2008:**

Agnes Saenz becomes CMR's  
Executive Director.

**2009:**

- The **Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic** opens permanent facility 1.5 day a week at 8 West Middle Lane in Rockville.
- Becomes one of the ten safety net clinics in Montgomery County

# 2010 to 2015

## Changes in Housing and Expansion of Healthcare Services

### 2010:

- The **Kaseman Health Clinic establishes a Board of Directors**
  - Legally becomes a subsidiary of CMR.
- **Chase Partnership House** management moves to Catholic Charities.
- **REAP office moves to the Kaseman Clinic facility**
  - Better coordination of healthcare and social services.

### 2011:

- **Kaseman Health Clinic expands** to see patients three full days each week.
- **Hope Housing management** moves to Montgomery County Coalition of the Homeless.
- **LOP health education** moves to Kaseman Clinic

### 2012:

**Latino Outreach Program** changes its name to Language Outreach Program

### 2013:

**The Kaseman Health Clinic Expands** services to see patients five full days each week

- Adjusts operations to the Affordable Care Act regulations

### 2014:

- **Rockland House opens** to provide permanent supportive housing to five women leaving homelessness.
- **Kaseman Health Clinic** adds **Behavioral Health** in partnership with Primary Care Coalition

# 2015 to 2020: A Time of Change and Review 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 2015:

- CMR Board restructures with help of Compass Foundation
- Bylaws and articles of incorporation are amended accordingly.
- A Faith Advisory Committee is created in place of faith community board members

## 2016:

- Through a grant, Taproot Foundation provides a study of the CMR name and mission in the community we serve.
- **The Kaseman Health Clinic expands to offer Medicaid Services.**

**2017: CMR (and RUC) celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

## 2019:

- CMR becomes **Community Reach of Montgomery County** to better illustrate the mission and the community being serve.
- **Elderly Ministries changed its name to the Senior Reach Program**

## 2020:

- **REACH** adjusts service due to COVID-19 (Telework & Virtual services)
- **Kaseman Clinic remains open** to serve patients during COVID-19, expands to telehealth & supports Montgomery County in efforts to reduce COVID-19 positivity rate of Latino community.
- **Kaseman Clinic gets Medicare approval.**