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## What's new at Reach this month

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### Senior Reach in Action: Ongoing Support for Daily Challenges

Originally from the Philippines, Senior Reach client Ms. L moved to the US in 1992.

After raising five children and building a career in healthcare, she was introduced to Senior Reach in 2015. Now 80 years old, she feels Senior Reach has made a major difference in her life, from installing grab bars that make her less worried

about getting up at night, to hosting tech assistance workshops, to providing a monthly cleaning service that made her allergies less severe. Ms. L expressed how grateful she is to the program for listening to her and helping her overcome challenges.

### Board Treasurer Spotlight: Lou Kallas

### Changes to Medicaid Coming 10/1/26 and 1/1/27



New federal laws are changing who can receive Medicaid. An initial change set to take effect 10/1/26 affects certain adult non-citizens but not children or pregnant people.

Inspired by decades of family involvement with Reach, Lou has turned a passion for helping neighbors into a commitment to community service and leadership. Read our interview to learn more!



[Read the spotlight](#)

## DAF Day Is On Its Way!

### HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT DAFs



Donor Advised Funds are accounts that allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend grants from the fund over time.

Help us spread the word!



On October 8, people everywhere will increase the impact of their Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) by giving together, and we're thrilled to be part of it.

But, instead of giving on that day, we're asking you to learn more about DAFs, to start the process of setting one up if you haven't already, and to help us spread the word about this powerful means of giving by sharing our social media posts.

[Learn more about DAFs](#)

Additional major changes will take place 1/1/2027, including work requirements and more frequent renewals.

These changes will impact Marylanders and Montgomery County residents. If you or anyone you know may be impacted, Maryland Health Connection has created a landing page to learn more.

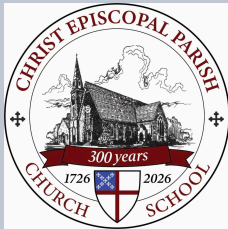
[Visit Maryland Health Connection site](#)

## REAP Client Ms. P Avoids Eviction and Finds a Job

Ms. P, a single mother of two, had an eviction date scheduled after falling behind on her rent. She had lost her job and was having a hard time finding stable employment; the family was struggling with food insecurity. All of these issues were causing Ms. P a lot of stress and worry, which she described to REAP staff during her intake. REAP was able to step in, providing financial assistance to prevent the pending eviction, and helping Ms. P apply for and receive SNAP benefits and a child care scholarship. We also connected her to WorkSource Montgomery, where she received employment resources and help in resume building. The support made a difference: today, Ms. P has secured a stable job and is no longer at risk of losing her home.

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## **Congratulations to Christ Episcopal Church on 300th Anniversary**



Reach congratulates Christ Episcopal Church, a long-term faith partner, on the 300th anniversary of the

establishment of the church in 1726, before Montgomery County came into being! The church's history stretches through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, with church leaders playing important roles in the development of Rockville institutions. Now, CEC emphasizes community service and collaboration. We look forward to our continued partnership to serve Rockville and Montgomery County!

## **Thirsty Thursdays at 9420 Key West Avenue!**



We are excited to announce that we are collaborating with Travelin' Tom's Coffee (TTC) to promote and raise funds for Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic! Starting mid-October, one of TTC's trucks will be parked outside our building on Thursday mornings to sell coffee, tea, and other beverages. The truck will feature an MKHC ad, and a portion of the sale proceeds will be donated to



## **PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: ALERT RESPONSE**



"Alert Response exists to give people peace of mind regardless of age, disability, or income. Reach's work toward a more equitable community lines up naturally with that — we're both trying to make sure someone's circumstances don't determine the support they receive."

— Matt Newton  
Owner, Alert Response

Senior Reach partners with Alert Response, a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) provider that helps our clients access safety devices. Read our interview to learn more about the partnership!

[Read the interview](#)

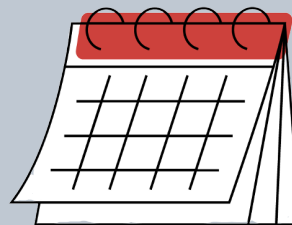
MKHC. We invite you to stop by for a tasty drink if you're in the area.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Living With Dementia Info Session

Tuesday, October 6, 4:00PM  
Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic  
9420 Key West Ave., Ste. 400  
Rockville, MD 20850

[Register to attend](#)



### Holiday Giving - Thanksgiving Distribution

Rockville United Church  
Drop-off Day – Friday, November 20,  
10-4 p.m.  
Distribution Day – Sunday,  
November 22, 1-5 p.m.

## Volunteer With Us

### Decluttering & Organizing

#### Volunteer

Reach's Housing Program is looking for volunteers to help residents with decluttering and organizing their living spaces.

This is a flexible opportunity that can work with your schedule. Contact us for more information.

### MKHC Interpreters

Help our patients and medical providers communicate effectively by providing translation services for English and Spanish speaking patients.

Volunteers must be 18+ years old and able to work a four-hour shift once per week.

Requires a background check.

Contact [volunteer@cmrocks.org](mailto:volunteer@cmrocks.org)  
if you're able to help with these requests.

[View other volunteer opportunities](#)

## Donation Requests

### MKHC:

- Lysol spray, paper towels, liquid hand soap, facial tissues, toilet paper, dish soap, feminine hygiene products for patient use

- Amazon wishlist - Please leave your name and contact info as a note if purchasing from this wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/3x58hnvd>

## **Housing Program:**

*General:* Toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, dish soap, sponges, bleach/Comet, multi-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent (pods), dryer sheets, tin foil, soft pad cleaning mop similar to Swiffer WetJet

### *Jefferson House*

- 3-4 seater sofa
- bath towels & washcloths
- plastic food storage containers
- curtain panel
- dish towels
- oven mitts and kitchen sink mat
- baking trays, roasting pan
- clear refrigerator separators
- kitchen utensils (knives in particular)
- drip coffee pot and filters
- art supplies (canvas, brushes, paint, smock)

### *Rockland House*

- toaster oven
- flashlights & batteries
- towels and washcloths
- kitchen glassware
- dish towels
- curtain panel
- weed killer
- dish soap & toilet paper
- landline telephone base

**For more information on current needs or to donate, please contact us at [development@cmrocks.org](mailto:development@cmrocks.org).**

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