

December 2017



# REACH News

*"Anyone who has struggled with poverty knows how extremely expensive it is to be poor"*

James Baldwin (1924-1987) African-American writer.

## Meet our new House Managers



**Shannon Coleman** is a member of *Food Not Bombs* and developed her social conscience when growing up in a family grappling with poverty. She is aware of the systemic issues that perpetuate poverty and wants to help bring about change. She would like to see REACH grow and really likes what she sees the Home does for our guests in helping them get to the next step in their growth. She sees herself as a good listener and easy to talk with.

**We still need people/organizations to sign up to provide evening meals for our guests by [clicking here](#). Scroll down the list to the date of your choice.**

**Cecil Dukes** Served in the military from age 17 and served for many years. When he returned to civilian society he began to volunteer with many community organizations. But he also began to use drugs and experienced homelessness. He has now been drug free for eight years and is helped to stay on this path by his faith. He is an active member of the New Crossroads Church. He believes that his life experiences make him a real asset to helping our guests find their way to a new beginning.



The REACH Team is pleased to have these two people join in our mission to show hospitality to the chronically homeless. We currently have eight women and fourteen men guests in the home.

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### Christmas gifts for our guests:

We have a tree now we would like gifts to place under the tree! We invite you to help us with wrapped gift packages. Please mark each package for "Man" or "Woman." Suggested items include: personal sized toiletries, hats, gloves, socks, and candy.

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### We have a second laundry room for our guests.

A big THANK YOU to John Saulsgiver who donated a large sized washer and dryer.



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*REACH members  
come from all over  
our community and  
belong to different  
faith groups but we  
share this in  
common:  
  
We believe that all  
people should be  
shown hospitality  
and be treated with  
respect and dignity.  
  
We invite your  
support of this  
work.*

**REACH's first fundraiser** another big THANK YOU to Lois Baum and members of the Unitarian Universalist Church for a successful event raising over \$1400 dollars.

**Save the date for an Ugly Sweater Benefit for REACH Home.** Hosted by Three Heads Brewing and sponsored by the Boomtown Brothers Facial Hair Club, December 28. Music will be Hollywood and Heins present the Roc City Pro Jam. For details [click here](#).

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**Our current donation in kind needs list includes:**

Comforters  
Winter Coats, hats, gloves and boots for both men and women

**Men**  
Blue jeans  
Thermal Underwear  
Underwear and socks  
Sweat suits  
Smaller sizes

**Women**  
Underwear  
Thermal Underwear  
Sweaters  
Blue Jeans

**For All Guests**  
Hand soap and sanitizer  
Theraflu  
Tylenol, Aleve, Advil  
Throat Lozenges  
Kleenex

**General Supplies**  
Very large garbage bags (Contractor Size)  
Laundry Baskets  
Laundry Pods  
Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets  
Dishwasher pods  
Cereal

To offer donations please email us at [reachdonations2017@gmail.com](mailto:reachdonations2017@gmail.com)  
Also, please check our wish list on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

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**Please consider REACH in your end of the year giving:**

Checks, made out to FLACE/REACH Advocacy, may be mailed to P.O. Box 10845, Rochester, NY 14610, or you may go to our [web page](#) where you can donate on line. All donations are tax deductible.

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**READ ABOUT HOW THE TAX BILL MAY EFFECT THE HOMELESS – Read this [article](#) from the Coalition for the Homeless.**

TEAM REACH is thankful that there is a growing public awareness of the need for the care of our homeless men, women and children. We join the many dedicated service providers who seek to shelter the homeless especially at this winter season.

Our mission is to advocate with and on behalf of homeless people to create more affordable housing to meet the needs of those who are not able to meet the market demands for housing. We believe that in the long run much of our homeless population is the result of the lack of affordable housing where market driven rents make housing out of the reach of people with very low incomes.

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