

November 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.

REACH Home to open on November 20

Come to our Fundraiser, Saturday November 18

11:00am - 2:00pm at the **First Universalist Church**, 150 S. Clinton (corner Court St), Rochester NY

Program includes: guest speakers, displays by local homeless advocacy groups, local musicians, including a band of formerly homeless folks, a **CHILI cook-off**, donuts and more, **raffle items** at \$1/ticket or \$5/6-tickets, a **Silent Auction**-including a 2-hour sail on Seneca Lake with lunch and a new-patient-visit (\$300-value) with local Naturopath, and more. Followed by **Open House**, 2:00-4:00, at new care facility: Dimitri House, 102 N.UnionSt.

A Big Thanks to all who have made this possible:

The REACH team could not have made this opening possible without the support and generosity of many individuals and businesses in our community, including:

- Midshipman Sam Straub along with RIT and U of R Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidates
- Mike Gill, Mike Pollischeck, Karen Dau, Tim Mottler and Charles Polito
- Lifeline Automotive Services
- Hawn Heating and Cooling
- John Richard, Richard and Son Builders
- Sew Green
- Staybridge Suites at Brooks Landing, Brian Potter – General Manager
- Freddy McCarthy, McCarthy Fire Extinguishers

Thanks to Spectrum News for coverage, click [here](#) to view.



Please sign up to bring an evening meal for our guests by [clicking here](#). Scroll down the list to the date of your choice.

Our current donation in kind list includes:

Supplies

- Coffee, sugar, creamer and coffee filters
- Laundry pods and dishwasher detergent pods
- Toilet Paper, Paper towels
- 2-30 gal trash cans and 30 gal trash bags
- 4-13 gal waste baskets and 13 gal trash bags
- Gallon and quart size refrigerator storage bags
- Floor lamps!

We have a source for personal toiletries.

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.

Needed for guests:

- Sweat pants, sweat shirts, hoodies in sizes Med-XL
- New men's underwear...boxer briefs...all sizes
- New women's underwear...all sizes
- White crew socks
- Winter weight thermal socks
- Disposable razors
- Gently used or new winter jackets/coats for women

Please, no other clothing than what is listed here.

And we still need single mattresses and bed frames.

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

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.

READ ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION IN ROCHESTER AS REPORTED IN THE CITY NEWSPAPER.

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.

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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.

Next month meet our staff and our plans for Christmas.
