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# REACH News

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

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

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**A third REACH Home is getting underway.**

## Volunteers are cleaning and preparing the building



REACH is negotiating with Dimitri House Inc, to use their building at **102 North Union Street, Rochester.** We hope to soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding with them. Dimitri has graciously allowed us to begin the preparation of this building so that we can open sometime in November.

Volunteers are already hard at work with the cleaning of this house. Volunteers are welcome on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from noon until 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact **John Curran** either by phone at 747-2324 or by email at [jecurran@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jecurran@rochester.rr.com)



## We need people who can work on plumbing, electrical supply, and carpentry.

The building has been closed for a number of years and there are three bathrooms that need to be modified for our guests, two laundry areas that need to be established, and the heating and hot water systems restored. We also need some minor carpentry work to re-install a door and resurface part of a wall. If you can assist please contact **Deacon Dan Callan** either by phone at 233-1755 (mention you are interested in helping at REACH) or by email at [drdancallan@gmail.com](mailto:drdancallan@gmail.com)

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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.*

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## In Kind Donations needed:

### For Guest Rooms:

- Mattresses (twin)
- Bed Frames/Bunk Beds
- Bed linens
- Pillows and Pillow cases
- Blankets/Comforters
- Towels/Wash Cloths

### For Guest Needs:

Toiletry item  
Reading material  
Games

### For our Common Area

- Stackable chairs (30)
- Television
- Coffee Maker
- Mugs
- Wall paintings – restorative, multicultural, and nature.

### For the Kitchen

Dish Washer  
Refrigerator  
Kitchen Utensils  
Paper Towels  
Dishtowels, mops, etc.

**Laundry** Washer and Dryer

To offer donations please email us at [reachdonations2017@gmail.com](mailto:reachdonations2017@gmail.com)

## Money Donations are welcome:

We have a budget of over \$80,000 and are in the process of writing for grants, but until the grants come in, we need to operate and at present we have just over \$6,000 in our account. We welcome your donations. Checks, made out to FLACE/REACH Advocacy, may be mailed to our P.O. Box, or you may go to our web page where you can donate on line. All donations are tax deductible.

## Homeless Facts in the Rochester Region:

- From the past two Point in Time studies of homeless people there were in excess of sixty persons who were without shelter in our region in the middle of January.
- While it is the County's job to ensure that all homeless people are sheltered during a "Code Blue" announcement, there are not sufficient beds for all of the homeless.
- REACH came into being following a brutal winter four years ago when a homeless tent city was forcibly closed and citizens said, "Never again."
- REACH Advocacy is now working with both the city and the county to play a part in helping to care for those who find themselves without shelter in the coming winter.

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