

November 2018



REACH News

REACH Happenings:



1. The 2018-2019 REACH Home will open in mid-November. You are invited to an Open House on Saturday, November 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 102 N. Union Street, Rochester. All are welcome.

Please consider bringing something from our "Needs List" that is included in this Newsletter. *Please note parking is very limited and we ask you to park on Union Street or on side streets nearby.*

On Sunday, November 18 we will be open to welcome guests.

Our Personnel Committee has now named a House Manager for this year and is currently filling all of the staff positions. To learn about our House Manager please read the article below.

A big **THANK YOU** to the many volunteer groups who have helped to prepare the building for occupancy. Here are some snaps of work in progress:



No job is too big!!



Susan Maxwell a REACH Team member.

Funding REACH Home

Our estimated budget for the 22 weeks of operation is \$123,350. This includes rent, utilities, staff salaries, guest needs and our great social work team. What this means is the we spend about \$30 a day caring for each of our guests and supporting them in their efforts to find permanent housing. While we anticipate some reimbursements from the County, many of our guests are not eligible and we endeavor not to turn anyone away into the cold.

A gift of \$6000 covers the cost for one person for the season.

A gift of \$210 covers the cost for one person for a week.

A gift of \$30 covers the cost for one person for a day.

Please consider a gift that you can afford. All gifts are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to **FLACE - REACH Advocacy** and mailed to REACH Advocacy, P.O. Box 10845, Rochester, NY 14610.



Meal Sign ups - One of the most important ways we bring a sense of community to our guests is through the evening meal. Over the past three years we have noticed how the groups bringing in meals have added so much to the sense of being a home with a sense of community. To sign up please [click here](#).

Introducing our House Manager.

We are pleased to welcome **Evelyn Penn** as our House Manager for the REACH Home of 2018-19. Evelyn has been an ordained Baptist Minister since 1977 and currently pastors St. Matthew's Missionary Baptist Church in Rochester.



She was born in Florida, and then lived until she was 10 in Ashburn, Georgia. Her mother died when she was 6 and she and her sister and brother were raised by their grandparents. In the 60's they moved to Sodus, NY. Like Evelyn, her Grandfather was a pastor.

Faith is central to Evelyn's life and practice—she looks forward to the challenges and opportunities afforded her at REACH Home. She is committed to helping those in need and has been a volunteer at Asbury First United Methodist Church, their Dining Center and at the Hurlbut Nursing Home.

Evelyn sees herself as a lifelong learner and recently gained an associate degree in Applied Science in Human Service at Monroe Community College.

Evelyn has two grown daughters, Sewonder in Buffalo and Tiffany in Rochester. She has three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Evelyn comes to REACH Home with a rich family and life experience. We wish her well as she helps to welcome our guests and create the kind of caring community that REACH has become known for.



Meet our REACH Team Members

Deborah Peiffer has been a stalwart supporter and volunteer during the past three seasons of REACH Home. As a Team member she takes the time to get to know our guests and often forms deep relationships with them helping to contribute to the sense of community we try to create in our home.

Deb has also been our Facebook person and keeps this part of our social media outreach up to date. In addition Deb has been a significant person in helping to bring contributions in kind to our home.

Here is what Deb says of herself: "I was employed by Monroe County DHS for about 25 years, working in Temporary Assistance, Staff Development, Fair Hearings and other areas. I then worked for several years in a flower shop, which was my dream job. When the shop closed, and I was fully retired, I began looking for volunteer opportunities, but couldn't seem to find the right one. Then one day I happened to see a notification on

Facebook that a group of individuals who had been involved with Sanctuary Village the previous winter needed volunteers to help with a new winter shelter they were trying to open. I helped with a fund raiser and began going to meetings, but I still wasn't sure. Then the guests moved in and I went to the shelter and sat with them and heard their stories and I knew right then I had found my home. Since then I have helped procuring items needed for the shelter and spreading the word through our Facebook page, but the best times remain the times I spend with the guests and staff.

Personal stuff: I have one daughter and she and her husband and family live in East Bloomfield. I have three grandchildren: Joe the techie, Chris who will be getting married this year and Danielle, the "Dancing Queen."

REACH Home Needs List: If you have any questions please feel free to contact Deb Peiffer at debbiejp116@yahoo.com

Household Supplies:

- * Toilet paper, paper towels
- * Pod style laundry detergent
- * Pod style dishwasher detergent

Kitchen Supplies:

- * Flatware, most especially FORKS!!
- * Bowls for soup and cereal
- * Storage containers and quart and gallon storage bags for leftovers
- * Trash can liners or contractor bags..LARGE!

Groceries:

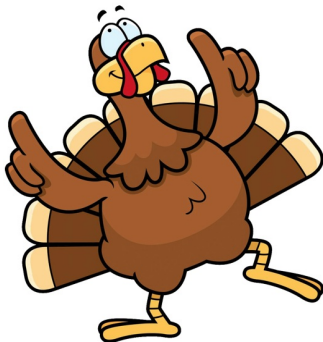
- * COFFEE, COFFEE, COFFEE
- * SUGAR and powder creamer
- * Peanut butter and jelly
- * Ramen noodles

Clothing: We hope to limit the kinds of clothing we accept this year as we are a small temporary shelter and do not have space or staff for a full clothing room.

- * Sweat shirts and sweat pants for men and women, all sizes but especially larger sizes
- * Boxer briefs
- * Ladies underwear
- * WHITE SOCKS! and heavier socks
- * Jeans or work pants
- * Warm gloves and hats
- * Heavy winter jackets
- * BOOTS!!..one of the hardest things for us to find

Miscellaneous

- * 5 or 6 foot folding tables
- * Bulletin board
- * Blankets and comforters (Not throws or lap blankets)



Food for thought:

To all our readers, Happy Holidays.

Consider a way to care for the homeless.

