



Community Circle

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop

Reach Out Lodi, Inc. is committed to being diverse, equitable, and inclusive

"How do we change
the world? One
random act of
kindness at a time."

Morgan Freeman



Community Center &
Community Store

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Visit our website for Community
Store & Center hours
<https://reachoutlodi.org>



Reach Our Lodi, Inc., is a
501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
supported by donations and
grants.

We charge no fee to our Community
Store customers.

TEN YEARS STRONG—AND JUST GETTING STARTED

Ten years ago, community vision became community action. After more than 120 volunteers contributed over **35,000 hours** to transform the former Lodi Medical Clinic, Reach Out Lodi opened the doors of the **Community Store and Community Center** at **601 Clark Street** on October 30, 2015. From day one, generosity, commitment, and volunteerism have powered everything we do—ensuring families can meet basic needs and neighbors have a welcoming place to gather, learn, and connect.

Then & Now: What Your Support Has Made Possible

- **Community Store:** Free access to food, personal essentials, clothing, and school supplies—short-term or long-term—plus referrals to energy, housing, and other resources.
- **Community Center:** Four rooms (plus a commercial kitchen) hosting meetings, classes, celebrations, and community events.
- **Continual Improvements:** A Store addition, parking upgrades, a garage, and a growing slate of programs—from "Dinner With" and "Game Night" to Bingo to Euchre and volunteer initiatives.

Across the years, thousands of visits, volunteer shifts, and acts of kindness have added up to one steady impact: a more connected, cared-for Lodi.



Celebrate With Us!

A Decade of Impact in Lodi
Sunday, October 19 • 1–4 PM

Thank you to every volunteer, donor, business, church, school, civic group, and neighbor who has walked with us from idea to impact. Here's to the next ten years of caring for one another—together.

DINNER WITH EVENTS

Make Your Reservation Now

RSVP : +608-592-4592

OCTOBER 7TH
JOHN G. HAMILTON



NOVEMBER 4TH
**REMEMBER WITH
RANDY**

Dinner &
Entertainment
\$10/each event
5-7pm

DECEMBER 2ND
**CHRISTMAS SHOW WITH
SHEKINAH KING**



Sponsored by:



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COMMUNITY MEAL SOUP'R SUPPER

FREE WILL
OFFERING

SEE YOU
THERE!



October 21st
December 16th
5:00 - 6:30pm

Come for soup, stay & get to
know your neighbors, play cards,
or just relax!

VETERANS DAY

★ REMEMBER AND HONOR ★

Honor our veterans with a free
breakfast followed by a short program.



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

8:30 AM BREAKFAST

9:00 AM PROGRAM



Space is limited. RSVP to 608.592.4592 by Nov. 8th.

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Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi

MAH JONGG CLUB

Every
Thursday



9:30am -
12pm

Join our Mah Jongg Club for engaging and strategic gameplay every Thursday at 9:30 am. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all are welcome to join the fun – no experience necessary and we'll even teach you how to play!



Every
Thursday

1 - 3 pm

Join our friendly Euchre Club for a fun-filled card-playing afternoon every Thursday at 1pm. Enjoy a light snack and beverages. No experience is necessary – just a desire to have a good time!

SENIOR YOGA with Tess Carr



Tuesday

2 pm - 2:45 pm

See the Calendar for Dates

HEALTHY FOR LIFE



SENIOR MOVEMENT with Stephanie Caves



Wednesday

2 pm - 2:45 pm

See the Calendar for Dates

WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAY

1:00 – 2:00pm

October 22nd
Kinship Mentoring of
Columbia County

Opportunities in the *Lunch Buddies* program to mentor area youth

For individuals
with
disabilities
ages 14+

GAME NIGHT

5PM - 7PM

OCTOBER 11TH

OCTOBER 25TH

Halloween
Costume Party

NOVEMBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 22ND

DECEMBER 6TH

Ugly X-Mas
Sweater Party



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ADRC Caregiver Support Group



3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 - 2:30pm
October 16th - November 20th -
December 18th

This is a support group for caregivers. Participants learn new information, share their experiences, and support each other. Learn from each other while caring for our loved one and taking care of ourselves to stay healthy through the journey.

Questions: Contact Nellie Mueller at 608.742.9233

+ Loan Closet



We have a variety of medical equipment available for community members to borrow, including crutches, walkers, shower chairs, wheelchairs, and other miscellaneous items. Simply borrow what you need and return it when you no longer need it.

Memory Café

ROL is not offering Memory Café beginning October 2025. Interested parties can join the Waunakee memory café: Waunakee Memory Café 1st Thursday of the month 9:30-11:00am Steeplechase Apartments Clubhouse, 5706 Steeplechase Dr., Waunakee, WI Contact: Waunakee Senior Center/Cindy Moisman at 608-849-8385

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

No Appointment Needed

FREE

October 9th
November 13th
December 11th

12:00 - 1:00pm



ROL Ride Assist



ROL's Ride Assist provides vital rides for those who have no other means of transportation. Our services primarily cater to medical-related appointments in Lodi, Portage, Baraboo, Sauk City, and Madison, ensuring everyone can access the care they need.

Costs: Lodi \$10, Sauk \$15, Baraboo \$15, Portage \$15, Madison, \$25. If you are unable to pay, please talk to a ROL staff member.

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PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

MONDAY: 12:30-3PM
FRIDAY: 10AM-12:30PM

WITH **GLADYS GRIEGER**
608-445-0589

Call Gladys for information

\$45 / 4 WEEKS

MONDAY: OCT/NOV: 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3
FRIDAY: OCT: 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31

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ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME



Have an **idea** for an event you'd like to see in ROL's programming? Tell us—your idea could become a **reality!**



COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Day Meal

November 27th
11:30am - 1:30pm

RSVP Today!

Join ROL in the spirit of community and togetherness at our **FREE** Thanksgiving Day Community Meal

Dine-in - Delivery - Carry-out
Reservations Required

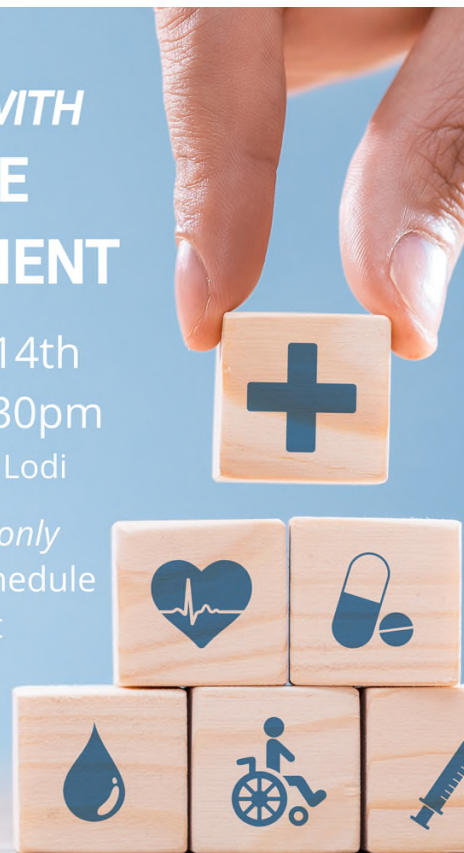
Donations to the Community Store appreciated

ADRC WILL HELP YOU WITH MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

November 14th
9:00am - 2:30pm

@ Reach Out Lodi

By appointment only
Call today to schedule an appointment
608-742-9210



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Do you need a hand with small home repairs? Handy Helpers is here for you! Our volunteers are ready to assist with minor home maintenance tasks, such as:

- ✓ Changing light bulbs & smoke detector batteries
- ✓ Advice on bigger home repair projects
- ✓ Window screen removal & installation
- ✓ Small plumbing fixes
- ✓ Paint Touch-ups
- ✓ Simple electrical work

Join Our Team! We're looking for volunteers to lend a helping hand and make a difference in our community. If you have handyperson skills—or just want to help—contact us to learn how you can get involved! Together, we can keep our community safe, supported, and thriving.

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN OUR EVENT ROOMS



Community Room

Accommodates up to 150 people theater-style or 70 people with tables



Lodi Room

Accommodates up to 100 people theater-style or 50 people with tables



Board Room

Cozy setting for 4-8 people

The ROL Community Center features three multi-purpose rooms designed to meet a variety of needs. Whether you're hosting an educational presentation, memorial gathering, birthday party, business meeting, or community gathering, our spaces are flexible and accommodating for groups of all sizes. Check availability and pricing during ROL business hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm, 608-592-4592



Welcome, Comforter Ministry!

We're delighted to share that the Comforter Ministry is now part of Reach Out Lodi. Since 2007, this dedicated quilt group has wrapped neighbors in care—creating and delivering quilts to those walking through difficult times. We're excited to fold this compassionate work into ROL's programming. The group meets at Escher's Okee Barn, and we'll share details soon on how you can join and support this meaningful ministry.



Game Night Highlight: Oliver dropped by our recent Game Night—and that's the fun of it... you never know what surprises are in store!

Join us for laughs, games, and community. For individuals 14+ with disabilities.

Check out our calendar for the next Game Night. We'd love to see you there!

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Many Thanks!



Thank you Noah Rohrbeck for helping make sure our shelves are stocked with cereal!



Thank you to everyone who came out to the pork rib sale to support our cause. Special thanks to Main Street Market Piggly Wiggly for generously sponsoring this event. Your support helps us continue to serve and strengthen Lodi!

Lodi Middle School Shows Up in Orange



252 students and staff filled the halls of Lodi Middle School wearing orange in honor of World Hunger Awareness Day. Orange is the color of hunger awareness, recognized around the world on the second Tuesday in September. This year, every orange outfit worn at LMS meant a \$1 donation to Reach Out Lodi—generously sponsored by Lodi Sausage Co. & Meat Market. A HUGE thank you to:

- The students and staff of Lodi Middle School for showing up in force (and Michelle Howe for organizing)
- Lodi Sausage Company for your continued support
- Everyone who helped raise awareness and support hunger relief in Lodi



Big thanks to Bill Welch for leading ROL's Community Garden. 18 garden lots were growing strong this summer for neighbors who needed a place to plant their produce and flowers.



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Many Thanks!

Dekorra Lutheran Church

Dekorra Lutheran Church surprised us with a generous food donation to help stock the shelves. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!



Bushnell Ford hosted a food drive to help stock our shelves—thank you for supporting local families!

A big thank you to First Presbyterian Church for hosting a pig roast fundraiser—here's Interim Pastor Dietrich Gruen presenting a check to Jim Schmiedlin for Reach Out Lodi.



thanks
for your
support

The Lodi Optimist Club and Lodi Area Community Endowment (LACE) hosted their annual picnic celebrating local grant recipients doing great work across the School District of Lodi. We are grateful that they invest in local nonprofits like ROL. Pictured are representatives from non-profit organizations who were awarded funding.



LACE Grant Helps Launch Students into the School Year Ready to Learn

Reach Out Lodi is honored to receive a grant from the Lodi Area Community Endowment (LACE) to partially fund our School Supply Program. This initiative ensures that Pre-K–12th grade students in the School District of Lodi who need assistance start the year equipped—and confident—with the tools for success.

Each summer, ROL volunteers led by Terry Myers, collaborate with district staff to identify students in need, reference each child's classroom supply list, and assemble individualized kits. When needed, students also receive a new backpack so they can walk into the classroom prepared from day one.

We are deeply grateful to LACE for this grant and for a decade of steadfast support for community causes in Lodi. Together, we're reducing barriers to learning and helping every student start strong.



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Past Events

BINGO! TIMES TWO

Bingo wins all around! Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Lodi Ag Fair and Dane Village Hall—both events were a big success. We're planning to host four Bingo nights each year—dates coming soon. Huge thanks to our amazing volunteers and every player who made it fun!



Garage & Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered, and shopped—our fall Garage & Bake Sale was a big success!



CHALK the WALK

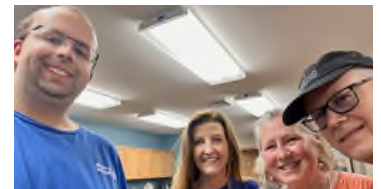


Huge thanks to everyone who helped with Chalk the Walk—from our volunteers, and artists, to the crews who set up, cleaned up, and cheered us on. And thank you to all who attended and filled the park with color



Sweet treats and quacks of joy! ROL had a blast handing out candy at the Susie the Duck Day Parade.

Dinner With is our once a month community evening featuring a hearty meal and live entertainment—good food, great music, and even better company. These photos capture the warmth and connection from a recent event, made possible by our amazing volunteers and supporters.



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Getting to Know Judy

A cheerful, steadfast volunteer who exemplifies community spirit.



For more than five years, Judy Buchanan has been one of our treasured store volunteers. You'll often find her at her card table, cheerfully folding and sorting essentials—and greeting everyone who walks through Reach Out's doors.

Judy lives in the Township of Lodi and spent 43 years as a test technician at Rayovac in Madison.

She first connected with Reach Out when her physician recommended our senior movement classes. From there, she began volunteering, later taking a part-time role with the WISE Program.

Outside her store hours, Judy stays active with our exercise classes, Thursday afternoon Euchre, and bake sales—where she's lovingly

known as "The Pie Lady." She hasn't missed a single Dinner with Entertainment event in all her years with Reach Out.

When asked what Reach Out means to her, Judy says she values the company, camaraderie, and a great social outlet it provides. We're grateful for her kindness, consistency, and the welcoming spirit she brings to our community.

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

History

Noah was born and raised in Dane, Wisconsin, where he grew up helping on his family's farm—especially with feeding calves. He has two sisters and one brother, and during the week he attends Camp Createability in Cottage Grove, WI.

How Noah Got Started at Reach Out Lodi

Noah first came to Reach Out Lodi as a participant at our twice-monthly Game Night. After three years, we asked if he'd be interested in volunteering—he said yes and has been a consistent, cheerful presence ever since. Noah serves tables at our monthly "Dinner With" event, helps with Monday morning cleaning, and jumps in at community activities like the Dane Parade and Chalk the Walk. He's always ready to lend a hand wherever needed, and we're grateful for his dependable support.

How Would You Describe Reach Out Lodi to a Friend?

"Helping people is what it is all about!"



NOAH DEANS

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*Year Anniversary
Celebration*

REACH OUT LODI

A decade of impact in Lodi!

When: Sunday, October 19th

★ **1 - 4pm** ★

**Where: Reach Out Lodi, 601 Clark
Street, Lodi, WI**

Join Us For:

- Ice Cream Social, Snacks & Refreshments
- Facility Tours
- Photo Timeline Display
- Community Engagement
- Impact Stats
- Volunteer Recognition
- Future Projects Preview

Family Friendly ★ Free ★ All are Welcome

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Community Store



Personal Essentials

- Toilet Paper
- Dish Detergent
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Kleenex
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Household Cleaner
- Bath & Hand Towels
- Washcloths
- New Pillows

Food

- Cereal
- Sugar
- Ketchup
- Flour
- Mayonnaise
- Salt/Pepper
- Vegetable Oil
- Canned Fruit

Clothing Items

- New Underwear for men, women, children
- New Socks for men, women, children
- Shirts, mens small & medium

ROL WISH LIST!

Our entire list is now on Amazon!

♡ <https://amzn.to/3rxkUgV> ♡

thank you

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Community Store

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for friendly, dependable volunteers to help keep our **Community Store** running smoothly. Tasks include stocking shelves, greeting customers, and bagging groceries.

JOIN OUR TEAM **Monday - Saturday**
during business hours

Contact ROL to learn more!

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OCT 2025

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DEC 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 NO Senior Yoga Dinner with X-Mas Shekinah King 5 - 7pm	3 Senior Movement 2 - 2:45pm Lodi Youth Baseball 7 - 10pm	4 Mah Jongg 9:30am - 12pm Euchre 1 - 3pm	5	6 Game Night 5 - 7pm
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Supporting Your Community

At Reach Out Lodi, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support we receive from our incredible community. It's your kindness and generosity that enable us to create a haven of warmth and inclusivity at our Community Center, where people from all walks of life come together for special events and meaningful activities. Our Community Store plays a pivotal role in assisting families and individuals during challenging times, providing them with the essential resources they need to sustain their daily lives. What we achieve together, as a community, significantly contributes to the overall "quality of life" for everyone in the Lodi Valley area.

If you're wondering how you can play a part in sustaining these vital programs and services there are several meaningful avenues to explore:



- **Consistent Giving:** Consider making regular contributions, whether it's monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually.
- **Wall of Honor:** Leave a lasting legacy by purchasing an 8"x8" or 4"x8" engraved tile on our Wall of Honor. This is a beautiful way to commemorate your name, a loved one, your family, or your business while supporting our mission.
- **Estate Planning:** Include ROL in your estate planning.
- **Stocks & Bonds:** If you have stocks or bonds that you'd like to donate, we welcome these valuable contributions.
- **Online Donations:** Making a donation is just a click away. Visit our website at ReachOutLodi.org to contribute via credit card and make an immediate impact.
- **Become a Volunteer:** Your time and skills are invaluable to us. Consider becoming a volunteer and directly engage with our community initiatives.

To explore these opportunities further or discuss how you can support Reach Out Lodi, please reach out to Dave Gilles at 608.592.4592. Alternatively, you can visit our Community Center in person and we'd be delighted to chat with you. Together, we can continue to nurture and uplift our community, ensuring that no one faces life's challenges alone. Thank you for being a vital part of the Reach Out Lodi family, where compassion knows no bounds.

SANTA BREAKFAST

@ Reach Out Lodi

MENU
Pancakes
Sausage
Hash Browns
Coffee
Milk
Orange Juice

Plus Activities
for Kids

**29th - 30th
NOVEMBER**

SATURDAY
8am-12pm
SUNDAY
9am-12pm

Profits Benefit
Reach Out Lodi &
Camp Legion for Vets

Lodi Rotary 



Reach Out Lodi

Needs Your Voice!



We're looking for friendly, dependable volunteers to help answer phones during business hours.— If you enjoy helping others, being part of a great team, and making a difference in your community, this opportunity is for you!

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