

# **Community Circle**

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop

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

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

- Aesop



Community Center & **Community Store** 

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



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We charge no fee to our Community Store customers.

### CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS: THE **HEART OF REACH OUT LODI**

April 20-26, 2025, marks National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize and celebrate the incredible individuals who give their time and talents to make a difference in our community. At ROL, our volunteers are the backbone of our organization, ensuring that essential services and programs run smoothly for those in



In 2024, 150 volunteers dedicated an astounding 9,786 hours to serving our community. Whether it was answering phones, driving individuals to medical appointments, organizing clothing, stocking the Community Store, or simply offering a friendly smile, our volunteers showed up time and time again to support those in need.

### **Join Us for a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch!**

To show our gratitude, we invite all Reach Out Lodi volunteers to a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on April 15th from 9-11 AM at ROL. This is our way of saying thank you for your dedication and commitment to making Lodi a better place.

Every hour of volunteering makes a difference, and we welcome all who are interested in lending a helping hand. If you'd like to join our amazing team, please reach out to us or stop by ROL to learn more.

Together, we can continue making Lodi a stronger, more caring community. Thank you to all our volunteers—your generosity and dedication inspire us every day!

The Reach Out Lodi Team

# DINNERWITH

TUESDAY

5PM - 7PM

Make Your Reservation Now

RSVP: +608-592-4592

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JUNE 3RD

Dinner & Entertainment: \$10/each event

Sponsored by:





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### 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!



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!



1:00 - 2:00pm

April 30th
Fall Prevention
presented by St. Croix Hospice

May 28th
Eat Well & Be Active to Prevent
Type 2 Diabetes
presented by Sauk Prairie Healthcare



For individuals with disabilities ages 14th

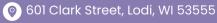
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APRIL 12TH & 26TH MAY 10TH & 24TH JUNE 7TH & 21ST





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### 3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 - 2:30pm April 17th - May 15th - June 19th

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



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.



Join us in a safe and comfortable space where someone living with dementia and their care partner can socialize, listen to music, play games, and enjoy other activities.

1:00 - 2:00 PM

April 25th May 23rd June 27th

### **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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We warmly invite everyone in the community to join us at all of our events!





Make an Impact in Your Community

Are you ready to make an impact in your community? We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Answering phones
- · Driving people to appointments
- Organizing clothing
- Working in the **Community Store**

Today!



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# 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, a birthday party, a business meeting, or a community gathering, our spaces are flexible and accommodating for groups of all sizes.

Check availability and pricing during ROL business hours:

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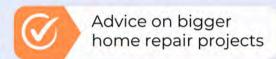
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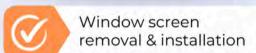
Do you need a hand with small home repairs? Handy

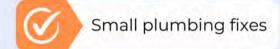
Helpers is here for you! Our volunteers are ready to assist

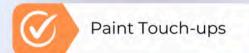
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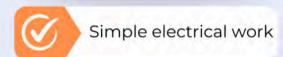












Join Our Team! We're looking for volunteers to lend a helping hand and make a difference in our community. If you have handyperson skills—or just want to help—contact us to learn how you can get involved!

Together, we can keep our community safe, supported, and thriving.





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# **Many Thanks!**



Girl Scouts Service Unit 24 held their Cookie
Rally at Reach Out Lodi! Not only did they gear
up for cookie season, but they also brought
along generous donations for our store.
Thank you to these amazing young leaders
for supporting our community!

A huge thank you to Josie Varney and Emily Varney for their incredible generosity! These two amazing members of the Dane Dandy Doers stopped by ROL with 100 self-care bags for our customers. Their kindness and dedication are making a big difference in our community. We're so grateful for your thoughtfulness and the positive impact you're bringing to those in need.





Lodi Middle School Rocked National Cereal Day!
Lodi Middle School students showed the true
power of community by coming together for an
incredible cereal collection drive to support ROL.
Thanks to their generosity, they collected an
amazing 330 boxes of cereal! To celebrate their
success, students built an epic domino wall in
the hallway, turning their donation drive into a
fun and memorable event! A huge thank you to
all the students, staff, and families.







# VOLUNTEER

At Reach Out Lodi, we are incredibly fortunate to have volunteers like Bill Harkins, whose dedication and generosity make a meaningful impact in our community.

Originally from Crystal Lake, IL, Bill has called Lodi home for 19 years. With a diverse background that includes farming, teaching, truck driving, and cooking, Bill truly is a "Jack of All Trades"—and he brings that same versatility to his volunteer work.



**BILL HARKINS** 

Bill plays a vital role at ROL, wearing many hats to support our mission. He provides transportation for our clients, ensuring they get where they need to go. Every Friday morning, he picks up our Second Harvest food orders, helping to stock our shelves for those in need. And when it's time for our Soup'R Supper monthly event, Bill is in the kitchen, preparing warm, nourishing meals for our community.

For Bill, giving back is what drives him. Whether it's through a ride, a hot meal, or a helping hand, he finds great satisfaction in making a difference. He especially enjoys hearing the stories of those he helps, building connections that make every moment worthwhile.

Thank you, Bill, for your compassion, hard work, and unwavering dedication to ROL! Our community is stronger because of you!



Game Night is a special time for individuals with disabilities to come together, have fun, and build friendships in a welcoming environment. Held twice. a month on Saturday evenings, participants enjoy a variety of games, laughter, and great company. These photos capture the joy and connection that make Game Night such a meaningful event for everyone involved!







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## Meet the New Faces at Reach Out Lodi



We are excited to introduce the newest members of the Reach Out Lodi team! These individuals bring diverse skills and a shared passion for serving our community. Next time you're at ROL, be sure to say hello and introduce yourself!

### Dave Gilles - Managing Director

Dave joined ROL in 2024, bringing a strong background in logistics and a Business degree from Portland State University. His expertise helps ensure ROL runs smoothly to meet the needs of those we serve. When he's not working, Dave enjoys disc golfing and spending time with his family.

### Julie Thompson - Assistant Director

Julie became part of the ROL team in January 2025 after retiring from a career in law enforcement, specializing in 911 Emergency Services. She previously worked at the UW-Madison Police Department and is excited to continue making a difference in the community. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and dogs.



L-R: Julie Thompson, Dave Gilles, and Jane Maier

### Jane Maier - Assistant Director

Jane rejoined ROL in January 2025, bringing a wealth of experience in Operations Management, Customer Experience, and Project Management. After retiring from American Family Insurance with 42 years of service, she dedicated herself to volunteering with various nonprofit organizations. Jane is passionate about helping others and is honored to be part of ROL's mission.

We are thrilled to welcome Dave, Julie, and Jane to the ROL team! Their diverse backgrounds, dedication to service, and passion for helping others will undoubtedly strengthen our mission to support the community. If you see them at ROL, be sure to introduce yourself and say hello! They look forward to meeting you and working alongside our incredible volunteers and supporters to make a difference in Lodi.







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**Community Store** 

WISH LIST

### **Personal Essentials**

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

### Food

- Flour
- Sugar
- Ketchup
- Cereal
- 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

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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.

