



# Community Circle

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop

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

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world"  
- Howard Zinn



Community Center &  
Community Store

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Store & Center hours  
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501(c)(3) nonprofit organization  
supported by donations and  
grants.  
We charge no fee to our Community  
Store customers.

## TOGETHER FOR 2025: RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE

As we step into 2025, we at Reach Out Lodi are filled with gratitude for the generosity and support we received throughout the past year. From food drives and holiday events to countless volunteer hours and donations, our community has shown time and again that together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us.

The new year brings new opportunities to serve, and we are more committed than ever to meeting the needs of our neighbors. Whether it's providing food, clothing, or essential resources, our mission remains steadfast: to ensure that no one in our community goes without the support they need.

In addition to addressing immediate needs, Reach Out Lodi is focused on creating programs that combat the growing epidemic of loneliness and isolation. We believe that connection and community are essential to overall well-being, and we're dedicated to fostering opportunities for people to come together, build relationships, and feel supported.

In 2025, we look forward to building on this momentum with programs, events, and initiatives to further strengthen our community. We are always inspired by the compassion and dedication of our volunteers, donors, and supporters—you make everything we do possible.

Thank you for being an integral part of Reach Out Lodi. Together, let's make 2025 a year of hope, connection, and positive change. Stay tuned for updates, and as always, we welcome your involvement and ideas as we continue to grow and serve.

Here's to a bright and impactful year ahead!

With gratitude,  
The Reach Out Lodi Team

New  
Time!  
12 pm

# Lunch with EVENTS

All Start at  
12:00pm

Bring a  
Friend!



JAN  
7

Cost \$10

## JULIE THOMPSON

### High Standards

Featuring songs you'll love from the 40's and 50's. Julie has a unique blend of folk purity, jazz sensitivity, and classical polish.

## JOHN G. HAMILTON

and special guest Jeanne Waters

Join us for a delightful dining experience, perfectly paired with the enchanting melodies of country-western singer John G. Hamilton.

FEB  
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Cost \$10



MAR  
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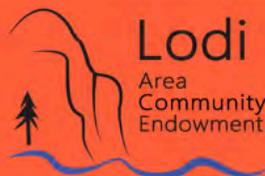
Cost \$10

## CENTRAL STRINGS

### Ukulele Maestros

These ukulele performers will strum their way into your heart with lively music including a few Irish tunes.

Lunch with  
Sponsors:



Location: 601 Clark Street  
Lodi, WI

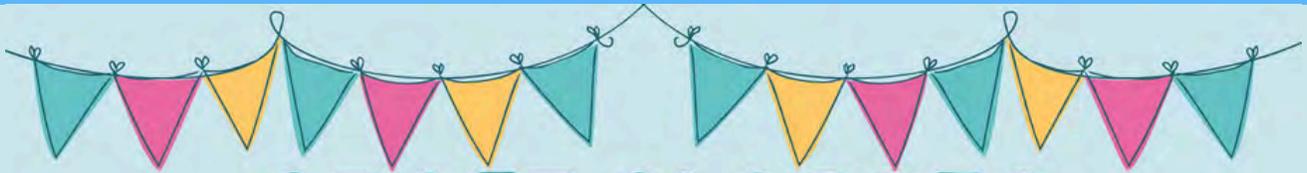
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# Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi



## CRAFT CLASSES

with Artist Barbara Statler



**JANUARY 8TH**

Making snowmen out of wood chips



**FEBRUARY 12TH**

Needle Felting



**MARCH 12TH**

Coffee Filter Flowers

601 CLARK STREET, LODI WI

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Free will donations  
accepted

2ND WEDNESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
11:30AM - 1PM

FREE CLASSES  
ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED

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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!



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 - 1:45pm

January 22nd

Tech Help

presented by Ann Groves Lloyd

February 19th

Streamline Downsizing & Moving

presented by Marge with Seque Moving Company

March 26th

Senior Scams

presented by Better Business Bureau

## Game Night

For individuals with disabilities age 14+

5pm - 7pm

January 4th

January 18th

February 1st

February 15th

March 1st

March 15th



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## Caregiver Support Group

**3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 - 2:30pm**  
**Jan. 16th - Feb. 20th - Mar. 20th**

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

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**

**January 24th**  
**February 28th**  
**March 28th**

## 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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you ready to make an impact in your community? Reach Out Lodi invites you to become part of our dedicated team of volunteers. Join us in making a meaningful difference.

**Call 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:  
Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm, 608-592-4592

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# Many Thanks!



St. Vincent de Paul of Sauk donated \$7,000



Dane Dandy Doers 4H Club hosted a food drive



The City of Lodi Police Department hosted their annual "Fill the Squad" event collecting food and personal essentials



The AWANA Club hosted a food drive.



Monetary donation of \$500 from the Girl Scouts



Mystical Nails hosted a food drive



Our local car club made a monetary donation



The Lodi High School National Honor Society organized a "Trick or Can" food drive

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# Many Thanks!



The Lodi Middle School youth collected 206 pounds of candy for our active military members and Lodi Valley Dental donated \$1 per pound to ROL.



Lodi Middle School Students collected 1,453 items to help fight hunger during the Holiday Hike for Hunger event



Generous donation from Lodi Utilities



Lodi Middle School hosted their annual "Stuff the Turkey" event

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# Many Thanks!



Archie Kearney  
donated \$500  
from the Optimist  
Club's 2nd Annual  
Roger Loff  
Memorial Corn  
Kernel Bingo  
event



New Life Christian Church hosted a food drive



Cottage Door Press hosted a Pop-Up Bookstore with all proceeds going to ROL

## Blessed Trinity School

Donated items for our giving Tree

## Thank You to Our Amazing Community

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community members and local businesses. Your kindness and support make it possible for ROL to continue serving those in need. We couldn't do this without gracious people like all of you—thank you for making a difference!

If we missed anyone in our "Many Thanks!" column, we sincerely apologize. Please don't hesitate to contact our office, and we'll be sure to include your information in our next newsletter. Your contributions mean the world to us!

Together, we are building a stronger, more supportive community. Thank you!

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# Holiday Hike for Hunger

The 2nd annual Hike for Hunger event which took place on December 7th brought our community together once again to support ROL, and what a success it was! We are incredibly grateful to Annisa Baker for her dedication and hard work in organizing this wonderful event. Thanks to her efforts, an astounding \$17,000 was raised to benefit ROL and our mission to serve those in need. Annisa's commitment is truly inspiring, and we cannot thank her enough for everything she's done



Annisa & Bart Baker

to make this event so impactful.

Congratulations to Claire, a creative 5th grader, for winning the logo contest with her adorable holiday design!

We are so grateful for everyone who participated, sponsored, and contributed to making the Hike for Hunger such a meaningful event. Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!



A special thank you goes out to our generous business sponsors who helped make the event possible. It's wonderful to see the community rally together for such an important cause:

- American Family Insurance-Christina Gallagher Agency
- Baker Real Estate Team
- Bell Bank Mortgage-Annisa Baker
- Brian Schmidt Enterprises, LLC
- Creative Marketing
- F & F Home Construction
- Fitz's On The Lake
- Gorilla Movers
- H's Place
- I39 Supply
- JD Hellenbrand
- KD's Bar & Grill
- Lodi Sausage Company
- Lodi Valley Dental
- Log Tavern Pizza Company
- Lucky's On The Lake
- Meister's K & M Shoreline Restoration
- Milestone Investment Management, LLC
- Retirement Insurance Planners-Mary Olson
- S & L Underground
- Schultz Insurance Services
- Schwarz Insurance
- Strander's Roofing and Siding
- Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill
- UBS-Burish Group
- West-Land Restoration, Inc.



Thank you to Ali Marie Photography & Co for taking photos during the event.



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## Community Store

### WISH LIST

#### Food

1. Flour
2. Sugar
3. Ketchup
4. Cereal
5. Mayonnaise
6. Salt/Pepper
7. Vegetable Oil
8. Canned Fruit

#### Personal Essentials

1. Toilet Paper
2. Dish Detergent
3. Shampoo/Conditioner
4. Kleenex
5. Laundry Detergent
6. Bleach
7. Toilet Bowl Cleaner
8. Household Cleaner
9. Bath & Hand Towels
10. Washcloths
11. New Pillows

#### Clothing Items

1. New Underwear for men, women, children
2. New Socks for men, women, children
3. Shirts, mens small & medium

## Honoring Our Heroes: Veterans Day Breakfast at ROL

On November 11th, ROL hosted a Veterans Day breakfast to honor the brave men and women who have selflessly served our nation. The event was a meaningful tribute, bringing the community together to express gratitude for their sacrifices and unwavering dedication.

The morning was made even more special by the stunning portraits captured by the talented David Anderson and Jodie Miller. These powerful images served as a visual reminder of the strength, resilience, and humanity of those who have served.



Adding to the tribute, the Lodi High School Choir delivered a performance that filled the room with emotion and pride, creating a truly memorable experience for all in attendance.



To all the veterans who have served our country, we extend our gratitude. Your courage and commitment have left an indelible mark on our community. We are honored to have celebrated you during this special breakfast and thank you for your service.

Let us continue to remember and honor our veterans, not just on Veterans Day, but every day.

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# JAN 2025

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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](http://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 DebThoeny 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.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving Meal a success. Thanks to your hard work and generosity, we were able to serve over 150 people in our community! Your kindness and dedication truly made a difference, and we are so thankful for each and every one of you.

A blue graphic with a white cloud in the center containing a QR code. Above the cloud are two megaphones. Below the cloud is a link: <https://amzn.to/3rxkUgV>. At the bottom, it says "thank you" in a cursive font and "ReachOutLodi.org" in a sans-serif font. The Reach Out Lodi logo is in the bottom right corner. On the left side, there are colorful hand silhouettes.

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