

Community Circle

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop



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

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word... all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

- Leo Buscaglia



Community Center & Community Store

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FIND US   

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.

A SEASON OF GRATITUDE & GROWTH Together, We Make a Difference

As we step into a new year, we do so with full hearts and immense gratitude for this incredible community. The past few months have been a reminder of how generous, compassionate, and committed the people of Lodi truly are.

Thanks to your continued support—through financial donations, food drives, and contributions of personal essentials—Reach Out Lodi has been able to meet critical needs and create a place of care and connection for those facing life's challenges. Whether it's helping a family through a tough winter, providing meals and companionship for older adults, or offering warm clothing and school supplies to children, your support makes all the difference.

But as our programs grow, so does our need for helping hands. We are currently seeking additional volunteers to support a variety of meaningful tasks—from sorting donations and organizing clothing to providing rides for individuals who need transportation to medical appointments. If you've been looking for a meaningful way to give back in 2026, we'd love to welcome you to the ROL family.

We're also looking ahead. Do you have an idea for a new program, event, or service you think would benefit the Lodi community? Let us know! Many of our most successful initiatives started with a single conversation and a shared goal of making life better for others.

Let's keep building on this strong foundation of compassion and community. Thank you for being a vital part of the Reach Out Lodi mission—and here's to another year of caring for one another.

With gratitude,
The Reach Out Lodi Team

New
Time!
12 pm

Lunch with EVENTS

All Start at
12:00pm

Bring a
Friend!



JAN
6

JULIE THOMPSON



FEB
3

CRAIG SIEMSEN



MAR
3

CENTRAL STRINGS

Cost for Each Event: \$10

RSVP: 608-592-4592

COMMUNITY MEAL

SOUP'R LUNCH

FREE WILL
OFFERING

SEE YOU
THERE!



January 20th
February 17th
March 17th
12:00 - 2:00pm

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

No Appointment Needed

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

FREE

January 8th
February 12th
March 12th
12:00 - 1:00pm



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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!

WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAY

1:00 - 1:45pm

January 28th

Resiliency in the Face of Stress
presented by Curt Hossman

February 25th

Safe Storage & Disposal of Prescriptions
presented by Bryan Bilse, LCAT

March 25th

Tech Help Bring Your Device
presented by Ann Groves

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

GAME NIGHT

for individuals
with
disabilities
ages 14+

5PM - 7PM



JANUARY 17TH

Breakfast for Dinner

JANUARY 31ST

Wear What You Love

FEBRUARY 14TH

FEBRUARY 28TH

MARCH 14TH

Hawaiian Night

MARCH 28TH

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Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi

ADRC Caregiver Support Group

3rd Thursday of each Month

Connect with others who understand. Share experiences, gain helpful information, and learn ways to care for your loved one—while also caring for yourself.

January 15th
February 19th
March 19th

1:00 - 2:30pm

Questions? Contact Nellie Mueller 608-742-9233

Loan Closet



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



RIDE ASSIST

Getting You Where You Need to Go



Need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery store, or essential errand—but have no transportation options? Reach Out Lodi's Ride Assist program is here to help!

Our volunteer drivers provide reliable transportation for those without other means of getting to important destinations—primarily non-emergency medical-related appointments in Lodi, Portage, Baraboo, Sauk City, and Madison. .

Ride Costs:

Lodi - \$10

Sauk City / Baraboo / Portage - \$15

Madison - \$25

Call 608-592-4592

to schedule a ride

Advance notice is appreciated.
Rides are subject to availability.

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Services & Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi



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
- ✓ Window screen removal & installation
- ✓ Paint Touch-ups

- ✓ Advice on bigger home repair projects
- ✓ Small plumbing fixes
- ✓ 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.



Brush up your creativity. Our painting class is making a colorful comeback this Spring!

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**!

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

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Past Events at Reach Out Lodi



Game Night

Costumes, Laughter, and Community Fun!

Game Night got a festive twist with our recent costume party, and it was a hit! From creative outfits to classic games, it was a joyful evening filled with smiles, connection, and celebration. Thank you to all who joined in the fun and helped make the night unforgettable!

Game Night events are for individuals with disabilities ages 14+.

Thank you Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation for supporting Game Night events by sponsoring supplies, games, and food.



Bringing People Together One Meal at a Time

Dinner With continues to be a favorite monthly gathering, bringing joyful entertainment to people in our community. In November, we enjoyed an evening with *Remember with Randy*, whose performance had toes tapping and smiles all around. Then in December, *Shekinah King*, filling the room with seasonal songs and good cheer. With delicious food prepared by *Coddiwomple Coffee*, lively music, and great company, these evenings remind us of the power of community.

Thank you to all who attend, volunteer, and help make these gatherings special. We can't wait to see you at the next one!



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Many Thanks!



Thank you Brooke Luedtke, State FFA Treasurer, for the donations to our Community Store!



Thank you to Kobussen Buses for your generous donation to our Community Store.

VOLLRATH

Vollrath located in Dane, hosted a food drive. Their ongoing support and generosity is important to our customers



Eileen Bennett from Columbia County Health & Human Services made a wonderful donation!

Thank you to everyone who made the holidays brighter for our Community Store clients by donating to our Giving Tree!



Saint Max

Blessed Trinity Church in Lodi gave generously to our Giving Tree

Mystical
NAILS

Mystical Nails hosted a food drive



A huge thank you to Officers Lowe and Schneider for delivering a full load of groceries and personal essentials during their "Stuff the Squad" event which was held at our local Main Street Market Piggly Wiggly.

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Many Thanks!



The Lodi Middle School youth collected 306 pounds of candy for our active military members and Lodi Valley Dental donated \$1 per pound to ROL.



Lodi National Honor Society students collected and delivered items several times during November!



Dane Dandy Doers 4-H Club organized a food and person essentials drive!



Lake Wi EV Free Church AWANA youth hosted a food drive



Lodi OSC/LES hosted their annual "Stuff the Turkey" event. All donations were given to families with the greatest needs.

Members of St. Vincent de Paul Board of Directors toured ROL and generously donated \$7,000

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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

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.



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.

Gratitude in Action

From volunteers to guests, your presence filled the room with warmth, kindness, and community.

Photos from our Thanksgiving Meal:



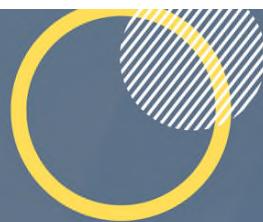
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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Jen Morgan has called Lodi home since 2003, where she lives with her husband and three children. Having grown up in small towns, Jen values the sense of connection and belonging that makes communities like Lodi special.

Jen's professional background is rooted in education and language access. She has taught Spanish at the University of Wisconsin and Madison College and began working as an interpreter for the Lodi School District in 2016. Today, she serves as the district's English Language Learner Coordinator, supporting students and families as they navigate school and community life.

Her involvement with ROL grew naturally from this work. When families she supported needed additional resources, ROL became a trusted partner. Over time, Jen began volunteering as an interpreter for families connected to ROL, including those without children yet enrolled in the school district.

Through her dual roles, Jen helps bridge critical gaps—connecting families to school enrollment, community resources, and ongoing support. She also works closely with Jim to gather feedback on items offered in the store, helping ensure that everyone served by ROL has access to what they truly need.

Jen says the best part of volunteering with ROL is the people! From fellow volunteers to the families they serve, she sees firsthand how loving and generous our community is and is thankful to be even a small part of it.

We are grateful for Jen's dedication and the vital role she plays in helping families feel welcomed, supported, and connected in our community.



JEN MORGAN



OUT OF THIS WORLD!

"Out of this World Art Exhibition" on display right here at the Reach Out Lodi Community Center from January 2026 through February 2026. Come to view and experience the wonders of the Galaxies as depicted by local Humanoids!

Come (if you dare) to a Special Reception to be held:
Friday, February 13th, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Earthly refreshments will be served and you can meet the "Creatures" responsible for creating these Chilling and Weird Works of Art".

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Supporting Your Community: How You Can Make A Difference

At Reach Out Lodi, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support we receive from this incredible community. Your kindness and generosity make it possible for us to offer a welcoming space where everyone feels seen, valued, and supported.

Our Community Center brings people together for meaningful activities, special events, and vital programs promoting connection across all ages and walks of life. Meanwhile, the Community Store continues to serve as a lifeline for individuals and families, providing free access to food, personal essentials, clothing, and school supplies during challenging times. Together, these services significantly improve the quality of life for people throughout our community.



Ways You Can Support ROL

Whether you're looking to give once, give regularly, or get involved, there are many ways to support our mission:

- **Consistent Giving:** Make a one-time gift or set up monthly, quarterly, or annually donation schedule.
- **Wall of Honor:** Purchase a personalized 8"x8" or 4"x8" engraved tile to honor your family, a loved one, or a business, while leaving a lasting legacy.
- **Estate Planning:** Include ROL in your planned giving for long-term impact.
- **Stocks & Bonds:** Donating appreciated assets is another meaningful way to give.
- **Online Donations:** Donate anytime at ReachOutLodi.org to make an immediate difference.
- **Volunteer With Us:** Your time and talents are just as valuable as your financial support. Join us as a volunteer and see firsthand the impact you can make.

Want to Learn More? Let's Talk!

To explore these opportunities or discuss how you'd like to support Reach Out Lodi, contact Dave Gilles at 608.592.4592 or stop by the Community Center, we'd love to see you in person.

Thank you for being a vital part of the ROL family. Together, we're creating a community where no one faces life's challenges alone.

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 120 people in our community! Your kindness and dedication truly made a difference, and we are so thankful for each and every one of you.



ROL WISH LIST!
Our entire list is now on Amazon!

thank you

<https://amzn.to/3rxkUgV>

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