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Community Circle

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop

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

Community Center & Community Store

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Monday - Tuesday - Thursday:
8:30am - 3:30pm
Wednesday:
8:30am - 6:30pm
Friday:
8:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday:
8:30am - 11:00am
Sunday:
Closed

FIND US

Reach Our Lodi, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by donations & grants. We charge no fee to our Community Store customers.

A Season to Gather and a Future to Grow

As autumn gives way to the holiday season, Reach Out Lodi's calendar is full of opportunities to connect, learn, and enjoy time together. Join us for Soup'r Supper, Dinner With, weekly Mah Jongg and Euchre, health and wellness programs, and special events such as our Craft Fair, Ornaments with Officers, Thanksgiving Meal, and Veterans Day Breakfast. There's something for everyone, and we hope you'll find an event to enjoy. Check the pages that follow for dates, times, and registration details.

That same spirit of connection inspires our ***Growing Our Space. Growing Our Impact.*** campaign, which is still underway. Plans include a 2,620-square-foot addition and renovations to 4,125 square feet of our existing building.



Making progress. Cement floor has been poured.

The improved space will provide more room for programs and community gatherings, enhance accessibility and the flow of the building, and include a private room for confidential conversations.

With more flexible space, Reach Out Lodi can welcome larger groups and offer more activities in a comfortable, accessible setting. Community support is helping bring this vision to life. If you'd like to learn more or contribute, please call us at 608-592-4592 or visit ReachOutLodi.org.

Thank you for being part of Reach Out Lodi. Whether you attend a program, volunteer, or support the campaign, you help strengthen the connections that make our community a welcoming place for all.

DINNER

5PM - 7PM WITH



OCTOBER 6TH
POUR FOUR MORE



NOVEMBER 3RD
RADIANT BEINGS



DECEMBER 1st
SHEKINAH KING

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT EACH EVENT $10
RSVP: 608.592.4592

Sponsored by: Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin

COMMUNITY MEAL

SOUP'R SUPPER

FREE WILL OFFERING

SEE YOU THERE!



October 20th
November 17th
December 15th
5:00 - 6:30pm

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

FREE

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

by Our House Staff

October 8th
November 12th
December 10th
12:00 - 1:00pm



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Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi





Every Thursday

1:00 - 3:00pm

WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAY

1:00 - 1:45pm

October 28th

The Longevity Question
Are you prepared for a longer life?
Presented by:
Jean with Brightstar Care

November 25th

Relationships & Care
Presented by:
Jean with Brightstar Care

December 16th

Keep Medicine Safe
Presented by:
Bryan Bilse with LCAT



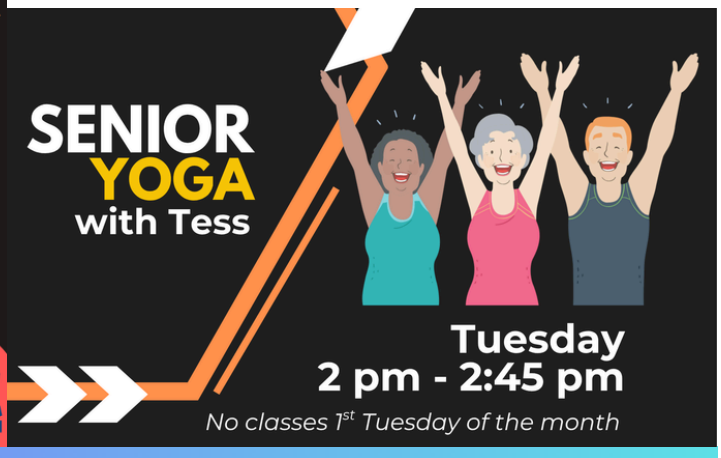
MAH JONGG CLUB

Every Thursday

9:30am - 12pm

Looking for fun, strategy, and great company? Come play Mah Jongg! All skill levels are welcome — whether you're a seasoned player or brand new, we'll teach you how to play.





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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.

October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

1:00 - 2:30pm

Questions? Contact Nellie 608-742-9233

Ornaments with Officers

DATE
12 DEC

TIME
9AM - 10:30AM

Space is limited! Call Reach Out Lodi at 608-592-4592 to register

RIDE ASSIST

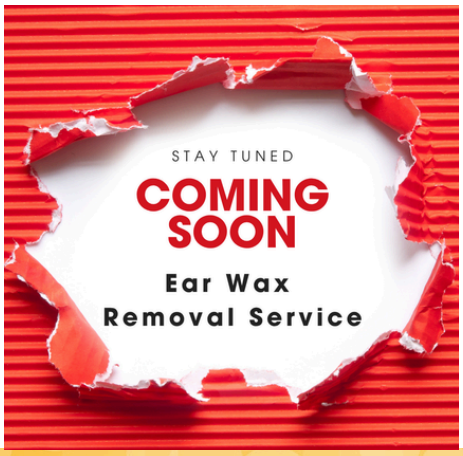
Getting You Where You Need to Go

Need a ride to a medical appointment and essential errands—but have no transportation options? Reach Out Lodi's Ride Assist program is here to help!

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.



SEATED MOBILITY FITNESS CLASS

for people using wheelchairs or walkers

with Ari

Wednesday
11:15am - 12pm

October: 7, 14, 21, 28
November: 4, 11, 18, 25
December: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



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OPEN PAINTING

JOIN US AND LEARN TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL ART!

THURSDAYS: 12:30-3PM

CALL GLADYS WITH QUESTIONS 608-445-0589

Come and enjoy your love for painting and spend time with other local artists.

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ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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!

Volunteer Today 608-592-4592

Wellness on Wheels

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

PREVENT•PROTECT•PROMOTE

Come meet your local Public Health Team out in the community!

No appointment needed

October 20th
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Resources available: harm reduction supplies, blood pressure checks, hygiene supplies, fluoride, vaccines, car seat checks, share pack, and connection to other resources.

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Craft Fair

October 10th
9 AM - 3PM



VETERANS DAY

★ REMEMBER AND HONOR ★

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7TH

9:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:30 AM PROGRAM

Sponsored by: Lodi Utilities

Space is limited. RSVP to 608.592.4592 by Nov. 5th.

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Events



Extended Community Store Hours

Starting October 7th Open Wednesdays until 6:30pm



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.

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Many Thanks!



WebMD Health Services - donated backpacks filled with school supplies for our Back to School Program.



Thank you, Lodi Area Pickleball! Members generously donated toilet paper to Reach Out Lodi through their TP drive.

Thank You Local Growers!

We're grateful to the local gardeners and farmers who share their fresh produce with Reach Out Lodi's Community Store. Their generosity helps us offer community members more fresh, locally grown food. Thank you for supporting our neighbors and strengthening our community!



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported Reach Out Lodi through the Lodi Ag Fair pie auction. We're grateful for your generous donation and community support!



Thank you, Wings Credit Union! Mary Breunig, a Wings employee, nominated Reach Out Lodi for an award, and we were honored to receive $250. Mary and Renee Olson visited ROL to present the check. We're grateful for their support!

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Many Thanks!

Lodi United Women in Faith
On Saturday, September 12, the Lodi United Women in Faith hosted a Southwest Gathering at Lodi United Methodist Church. Forty-five women from several nearby churches attended and generously donated items from Reach Out Lodi's wish list. We are grateful for their kindness and continued support of our community!

Thank you to the Lake Wisconsin Lions Club for generously donating a beautiful bench, now located in the gazebo for everyone to enjoy!





Lemonade Stand: A big thank-you to Kennedy, Ivy, Gage, and Kai for hosting a lemonade stand and generously donating the proceeds to Reach Out Lodi. We're grateful for their thoughtfulness and community spirit!

SOUP'R SUPPER



Soup'r Supper is back! Enjoy these photos from our September gathering, and join us for the next one on October 20, 5:00–6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!





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Past Events





Balance 55+

Join us Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00–11:00 a.m. for ***Balance 55+***, a one-hour exercise class for adults age 55 and older. Led by Ari, a coach, personal trainer, and Balance and Weight Management instructor, the class features guided exercises to support balance, strength, and confidence. Participants also take home simple exercises to practice between classes.

Ari brings a wealth of experience to the program, including a degree in Medical Nutritional Therapy, certification in Dietary Management, work with veterans at the VA, and years as Sports Specialist at the Waunakee Village Center. A lifelong multisport athlete and triathlete, Ari understands the value of movement and resilience.

Ari's guiding philosophy is simple: **"We are stronger together."**

National Night Out



ROL was glad to take part in Lodi's National Night Out, a community gathering that brings neighbors and local law enforcement together. The event is a wonderful opportunity to connect, build relationships, and celebrate the people who make our community strong.







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Thank You, BINGO Supporters!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to play BINGO! at the Lodi Ag Fair and to all the volunteers who helped make it happen. Your participation, enthusiasm, and generous time helped make BINGO! a fun part of the fair. We're grateful for your support!







Thank You to Our Bakers!



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who baked for ROL's Garage and Bake Sale. Your time, care, and delicious homemade treats helped make the event extra special. We're grateful for your generosity and for helping support ROL!







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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
- Disposable Razors
- 13 gallon Trash Bags

Food

- Salad Dressing
- Sugar
- Ketchup
- Flour
- Mayonnaise
- Salt/Pepper
- Vegetable Oil
- Canned Fruit
- Brown Sugar
- Powered Sugar
- Dry Red Beans

Clothing Items

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



Reach Out Lodi was proud to participate in the annual Susie the Duck Parade and celebrate with our wonderful community!

HANDY HELPERS

ALWAYS READY TO HELP

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.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight



RAY BRERETON

Ray has been volunteering at Reach Out Lodi since February 2025, helping keep the Community Center clean and welcoming. His tasks include cleaning the bathrooms, sweeping and mopping the kitchen and shopping areas, counting gallon bags, and taking out the trash and recycling. His dependable work makes a difference behind the scenes every week.

A Lodi resident, Ray enjoys participating in Special Olympics, exercising, caring for dogs, reading, and spending time on projects with his parents. He also enjoys sports, shows, and movies, and makes a point of remembering friends' birthdays and holidays so he can send them cards.

Ray says volunteering feels good because he can contribute to his community and show kindness to fellow volunteers. We're grateful for all he does for Reach Out Lodi!



Our ROL volunteers were happy to help out in the food booth at the Lodi Ag Fair! Thank you to everyone who stopped by, and to our wonderful volunteers for giving their time. We loved being part of this community tradition!





Every Friday, Jim Schmiedlin, Jack Reinwand, John Meade, Len Hendricks, Larry Smith, and Ron Lloyd generously volunteer their time to unload food deliveries from Second Harvest Foodbank.

ROL was proud to join the festivities at the Dane Fireman's Parade and celebrate with the community!





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OCT 2026

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4 Lodi 4H 6 - 8pm	5	6 **NO Senior Yoga** **Dinner with Pour 4 More** **5 - 7pm**	7 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm**	8 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Blood Pressure Scr.** **12 - 1pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm** Girl Scouts 5 - 6:30pm	9 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	10 **Craft Show** **9am - 3pm** **Game Night** **5 - 7pm**
11	12	13 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm**	14 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm**	15 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Caregiver Support** **1 - 2:30pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm**	16 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	17
18	19	20 **Wellness on Wheels** **1 -3:30pm** **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm** **Soup'r Supper** **5 - 6:30pm**	21 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm**	22 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm** Girl Scouts 5 - 6:30pm	23 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	24 **Game Night** **5 - 7pm**
25	26	27 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm**	28 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm** **WOW: Longevity Question** **1 - 1:45pm**	29 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm** Girl Scouts 5 - 6:30pm	30	31 

NOV 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Lodi 4H 6 - 8pm	2	3 **NO Senior Yoga** **Dinner with Radiant Beings** **5 - 7pm**	4 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm** Lodi Youth Baseball 7 - 10pm	5 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm**	6 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	7 **Veterans Day Breakfast** **9 - 10am** **Game Night** **5 - 7pm**
8	9	10 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm**	11 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm** Art Club 7 - 9pm	12 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Blood Pressure Scr.** **12 - 1pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm**	13 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** Girl Scouts 5 - 6:30pm	14
15	16	17 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm** **Soup'r Supper** **5 - 6:30pm**	18 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm**	19 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Caregiver Support** **1 - 2:30pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm**	20 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** IATA 7-8:30pm	21 **Game Night** **5 - 7pm**
22	23	24 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm**	25 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm** **WOW: Relationships & Care** **1 - 1:45pm**	26 **ROL Closed** **Thanksgiving Meal** **11:30am - 1:30pm**	27 **ROL Closed**	28
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DEC 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 **NO Senior Yoga** **Dinner with Shekinah King** **5 - 7pm**	2 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm** Lodi Youth Baseball 7 - 10pm	3 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm**	4 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	5 Breakfast with Santa 8am - 12pm **Game Night** **5 - 7pm**
6 Breakfast with Santa **9am - 12pm** Lodi 4H 6 - 8pm	7	8 **Senior Yoga** **2 - 2:45pm**	9 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am** **Seated Mobility Fitness** **11:15am - 12pm**	10 **Mah Jongg** **9:30am - 12pm** **Open Painting** **12:30 - 3pm** **Blood Pressure Scr.** **12 - 1pm** **Euchre** **1 - 3pm** Girl Scouts 5 - 6:30pm	11 **Balance 55+** **10 - 11am**	12 **Ornaments with Officers** **9 - 10:30am**
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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: P**urchase 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 Jane Maier 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.

