



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 - Thursday:
8:30am - 3:30pm
Friday:
8:30am - 12:00pm
Saturday:
8:00am - 11:00am
Sunday:
Closed

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We charge no fee to our Community Store customers.

GROWING OUR SPACE. GROWING OUR IMPACT

For more than a decade, Reach Out Lodi has been a place where neighbors help neighbors. What began as a vision to bring essential services together under one roof has grown into a vibrant Community Store and Community Center that serves hundreds of individuals and families throughout the Lodi area each year.

As we celebrated our 10th anniversary, we also reflected on how much our community's needs and programs have grown. Today, our Community Center hosts educational programs, wellness classes, community meals, support groups, volunteer activities, and special events that bring people together and strengthen community connections.

With that growth comes a challenge: we've outgrown our space.

To ensure ROL can continue serving our community for years to come, we have begun an exciting

renovation and expansion project. Guided by an architect firm, Cashman Associates, Inc. and shaped by the needs of our participants, volunteers, and community partners, the project will create a more welcoming, accessible, and functional space for everyone who walks through our doors.

The improvements will allow us to:

- Welcome larger groups and community events.
- Create private meeting areas for support programs and confidential conversations.
- Improve accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges.
- Enhance comfort and efficiency for participants, volunteers, and staff.
- Better support the growing demand for programs and services.

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10 Years of Impact

Reach Out Lodi by the Numbers

-  **Community Store**
312 individuals served monthly
-  **Ride Assist**
28 rides each month
-  **School Supplies**
64 students equipped with supplies annually
-  **Volunteers**
122 active volunteers
-  **Events**
57 monthly community programs and activities

Welcome to the Reach Out Lodi Team!

We are excited to introduce two new members of the Reach Out Lodi team. Both bring valuable experience, a passion for serving others, and a commitment to strengthening our community.

Meet Tracy Blaser

Tracy joined ROL after relocating to the area from Pewaukee. Originally from the Waunakee area, Tracy and her husband spent 35 years in Pewaukee, where they raised their three daughters.

Throughout those years, Tracy was deeply involved in her community, volunteering with her local parish and supporting numerous school and athletic fundraising activities, including spirit wear sales, booster clubs, and sporting events. Her dedication to helping others has been a consistent theme throughout her life.

With their daughters now pursuing careers and opportunities elsewhere, Tracy and her husband decided to return to the Dane/Waunakee area to be closer to family and friends. Around the same time, a friend shared an opportunity at ROL. Drawn by the organization's mission and her desire to continue serving others, Tracy applied for part-time position at ROL.

"The timing was perfect," Tracy shared. "We found a home and a job opportunity at the same time. I was so impressed with ROL's mission, programs, and community support. It felt like a perfect opportunity for me."



Meet Kaylidh Gunnon

Kaylidh (pronounced Kay-lee) Gunnon has a strong background in culinary arts, nutrition, and nonprofit service.

Originally from Illinois, Kaylidh later moved west and lived in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, before relocating to Wisconsin in 2021. She moved to Lodi with her family in 2025 and is excited to become more involved in the community she now calls home.

Before joining ROL, Kaylidh served as the Nutritional Director for Red Caboose in Madison, where she focused on providing nutritious meals and supporting the well-being of children and families. Her professional experience reflects her passion for helping people access healthy food and quality programs that improve their lives. *"I am excited to be part of another outstanding nonprofit organization serving our community,"* she said.

When she's not at work, Kaylidh enjoys spending time with her family and taking advantage of Wisconsin's beautiful lakes and outdoor recreation. Boating, fishing, and enjoying time on the water are among her favorite pastimes.

Please join us in welcoming Tracy and Kaylidh to the Reach Out Lodi family. We are grateful to have them on our team and look forward to the many ways they will help us serve our community.



DINNER

5PM - 7PM WITH



JULY 7TH
JULIE THOMPSON



AUGUST 4TH
JENNY & DAVID

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



September 15th
5:00 - 7:00pm

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

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

by Our House Staff

July 9th
August 13th
September 10th
12:00 - 1:00pm



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Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi

BALANCE 55 PLUS with Ari



Wednesday & Friday

July: 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29
9:30 am - 10:30 am

August: no classes

September: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
10:00 am - 11:00 am

WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAY

1:00 - 1:45pm

September 23rd

Question, Persuade, and
Refer (QPR)

CPR for the Mind

presented by Bryan Bilse



Every
Thursday

1:00pm - 3:00pm



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.

For individuals
with
disabilities
ages 14+

GAME NIGHT

5PM - 7PM

JULY 18TH
SEPTEMBER 12TH
SEPTEMBER 26TH

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SENIOR YOGA with Tess



Tuesday
2 pm - 2:45 pm

No classes 1st Tuesday of the month

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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.

July 16th
August 20th
September 17th

1:00 - 2:30pm

Questions? Contact Nellie
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 and essential errands—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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Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi



OPEN PAINTING

THURSDAYS: 12:30-3PM

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

STARTING IN JULY

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

JOIN US AND LEARN TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL ART!

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



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

No appointment needed

August 17th
9:30am - 12:00pm

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

Medicare: Preparing for Open Enrollment

What to Be Aware of in 2027

September 28th
1:00 - 2:30 pm

WALK-IN MEDICARE QUESTIONS

STOP IN & TALK TO KATHY FROM ADRC OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

JULY 20TH
AUGUST 17TH
SEPTEMBER 21ST
11AM - 2PM

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Past Events

Thank You for Supporting Reach Out Lodi!

We are grateful to everyone who helped make our recent fundraising events a success!

Perennial Sale

Our first-ever Perennial Sale was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to shop and support Reach Out Lodi. A special thank you goes to Maureen Detmer for her leadership, hard work, and dedication in organizing this wonderful event.

Bingo Fundraisers

Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and players who joined us for Bingo at the Village Hall in Dane on March 27 and 28. Your support helps fund programs and services that benefit our community. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Lodi Fair on July 9 and 10 and back at the Village of Dane on October 2 and 3!

Craft Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in and shopped at our Craft Sale on May 2. The event showcased the creativity and talent of local vendors while raising support for Reach Out Lodi. If you missed it, be sure to check out photos from the event on our Facebook page.

Your participation, volunteerism, and generosity help us continue serving our neighbors and strengthening our community. Thank you for making a difference!

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN OUR EVENT ROOMS



Community Room

Accommodates up to 75 people theater-style or 60 people with tables



Lodi Room

Accommodates up to 50 people theater-style or 40 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.

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Many Thanks!

ROL Program Funding Provided by:

Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin

Funding to help off-set the costs associated with the community "Dinner With" monthly entertainment and dinner program.



Support for ROL's "Growing Our Space. Growing Our Impact" addition and renovation project.



Funding will be used toward ROL's youth School Supply program.



We are grateful to the members of Lodi United Methodist Church for donating birthday celebration kits for our customers. These thoughtful kits will help families celebrate special occasions and create happy memories together. It's a wonderful reminder that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day.

The National Association of Letter Carriers held a "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. On May 9th, our local letter carriers delivered, and delivered, and delivered food to our community store! Over **3500 lbs** to be exact! Thank you to our local area post offices for organizing such a wonderful event and bringing food to fill our shelves! Thank you to our ROL volunteers for hours of weighing, sorting and shelving in our store! And, thank you to our caring, giving community for all the donations! Together, We Make Great Things Happen!



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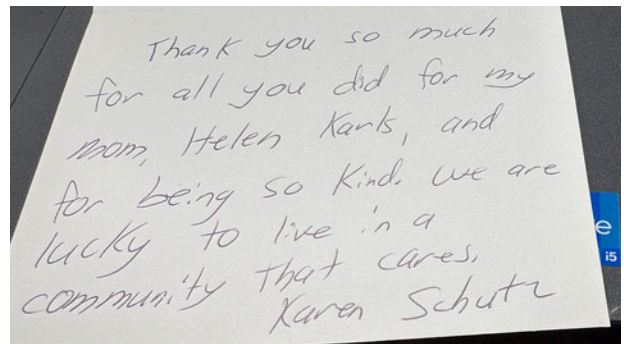
Many Thanks!



Dane Dandy Doers 4-H Club

Mother Nature may not have cooperated but these kids still showed up to put on a free Easter Egg Hunt for their community....and we may have had close to a record crowd show up! Thanks to everyone who participated and for bringing donations for ROL!

We are honored to share this message of gratitude from the family of Helen Karls. Their kind words reflect the caring spirit of our community and the impact that ROL's volunteers, supporters, and programs have on the lives of our neighbors.



Thank you to the Main Street Market Piggly Wiggly and our community members for supporting the store's grocery donation program.



When shopping at the market, customers have the opportunity to purchase a donation bag at checkout. The market then fills each bag with groceries and donates it directly to ROL.

Every donated bag makes a meaningful difference and helps families and individuals have access to nutritious food.

We are grateful to the Lodi Main Street Market for launching this ongoing program and to everyone who chooses to participate.



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Many Thanks!

Celebrating Volunteers



This spring, ROL was honored to celebrate the incredible individuals who share their time, talents, and compassion with our community.

At our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, we gathered to recognize the many volunteers who make our programs and services possible. Whether stocking shelves, driving neighbors to appointments, preparing meals, helping at events, or lending a helping hand wherever needed, our volunteers are the heart of ROL. Their dedication strengthens our mission and touches the lives of hundreds of community members each year.

We are grateful for each volunteer and the countless ways they help us build a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you for all you do!



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, bagging groceries, answering phones, driving, and organizing clothing.

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

Contact ROL at 608-592-4592 to learn more!

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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
- Disposable Razors
- 13 gallon Trash Bags

Food

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

Clothing Items

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



Members of the Lodi Valley Quilt Guild stopped by with donations of food and personal essential items for our community store. 402 lbs of donations! Thank you for supporting ROL!



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

Mike retired from the Universities of Wisconsin in February 2025 but hasn't slowed down much since. During the winter months, he continues to referee varsity basketball games, combining his love of sports with a part-time job. Mike and his wife have called Lodi home since 1999. They have two married children living in the Madison area and are proud grandparents to two grandsons. Whether cheering on the Badgers, Brewers, Bucks, Blue Devils, and Packers, or spending time at the family cabin and deer hunting camp, Mike enjoys staying active and connected to the things he loves.



MIKE GOLLMAR

Shortly after retiring, Mike began volunteering with ROL. Having known about ROL's mission through his church, which helped found the organization years ago, he was looking for a meaningful way to serve the community while maintaining flexibility in his schedule. As a volunteer, Mike serves as a Ride Assist driver, helping community members get to appointments and other destinations. He has also volunteered at ROL bingo events.

When asked what he finds most rewarding about volunteering, Mike shared that while he initially saw transportation as the primary service he was providing, he quickly discovered something even more meaningful. *"I have definitely helped provide transportation to those who don't have other options, but I have been surprised that I also provide companionship for those that I drive, and this is what I find most satisfying."*

Thank you, Mike, for your kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others. Volunteers like you make ROL a stronger and more caring community.



A big thank you to Associated Bank for spending the morning volunteering through their employee volunteer program. Kelly Arnold, Teresa Kim, & Lori Nelson rolled up their sleeves to help with spring cleaning in our Community Store, making a positive impact on the people we serve every day.





ROL WISH LIST!

Our entire list is now on Amazon!



♥ <https://amzn.to/3rxkUgV> ♥

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JUL 2026

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Continued Growing Our Space. Growing Our Impact

This project is about much more than adding square footage. It is about creating opportunities for connection, learning, support, and belonging. It is about ensuring that Reach Out Lodi remains a place where people can find resources, build relationships, and experience the care of a compassionate community.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, foundations, businesses, churches, schools, and community members, significant progress has already been made toward our fundraising goal. Every contribution brings us one step closer to creating a space that will serve generations to come.

Help Us Grow Our Impact

Want to learn more?

Stop by ROL to view the project renderings & see the plans for our future.

To make a gift:

Visit ReachOutLodi.org
or mail gift to,
P.O. Box 316, Lodi, WI
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\$1,250,000 Total Cost

\$750,000 Total Secured

\$500,000 Remaining Need

As construction plans move forward, we invite you to stop by Reach Out Lodi to view the project renderings and learn more about the exciting changes ahead. The plans showcase how the renovated and expanded facility will create additional gathering space, improve accessibility, and better support the programs and services our community relies on. We would love to share our vision and answer your questions about the project.

This ambitious project is possible because of the generosity of our community. If you would like to help us reach the finish line, donations of any size are welcome and will help ensure Reach Out Lodi can continue serving our neighbors for generations to come.



Thursday July 9th
Friday July 10th

6pm START!

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50/50
Raffle

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