

# **Community Circle**

Keeping the Lodi Community in the Loop

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

"Be kind. For everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about." Ian Maclaren, author



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.

#### JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF **FUN WITH ROL!**

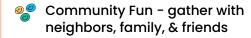
Reach Out Lodi is excited to bring two vibrant community events to life this summer—BINGO at the Lodi Agricultural Fair and the colorful, creative Chalk the Walk at Goeres Park. Both events are family-friendly, full of fun, and support a great cause—ROL's mission to serve our community.

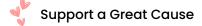
**BINGO** at the Lodi Ag Fair



Join us for two nights of thrilling BINGO under the summer sky!



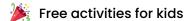


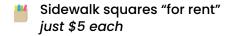


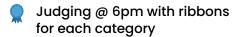
Chalk the Walk at Goeres Park



Let your creativity shine at Chalk the Walk!







We'd love for you to join us at both of these fantastic events—BINGO at the Lodi Agricultural Fair and Chalk the Walk at Goeres Park. They're wonderful opportunities to connect with neighbors, support a great cause, and enjoy some summer fun! If you're interested in getting more involved, Reach Out Lodi is always looking for volunteers to help make events like these possible. Give us a call at 608-592-4592—we'd be happy to hear from you!





Dinner & Entertainment \$10/each event

#### **DINNER WITH EVENTS**

Make Your Reservation Now

RSVP: +608-592-4592

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Wisconsin themed brooch made with JULY 9TH driftwood & glass

AUGUST 13TH Embossed aluminum brooch

SEPTEMBER 10TH Reversed glass painted brooch

Free will donations accepted

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**2ND WEDNESDAY** 

OF EACH MONTH

3:30PM - 5:30PM

# **Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi**

# MAH JONGG

**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!

**SENIOR** YOGA with Tess Carr



Tuesday 2 pm - 2:45 pm See the Calendar for Dates

# **HEALTHY FOR LIFE**





Wednesday 2 pm - 2:45 pm MOVEME

with Stephanie Caves

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See the Calendar for Dates



1:00 - 2:00pm

September 24th Jean Latham with BrightStar Care

Top 10 Keys to Living a Longer, Healthier, and More Vibrant Life!



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# Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi



#### 3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 - 2:30pm July 17th - August 21st - September 18th

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

July 25th August 22nd September 26th

#### **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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# **Upcoming Events at Reach Out Lodi**





Thursday, Sept. 11th 8:30am - 4pm Friday, Sept. 12th 8:30am - 4pm Saturday, Sept. 13th 8:30am - 12pm





September 12<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm START! Doors open at 4:30pm



Concessions hosted by Dane Legion & Dane **Auxiliary Post 503** 

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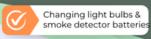


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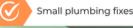
Do you need a hand with small home repairs? Handy Helpers is here for you! Our volunteers are ready to assist with minor home maintenance tasks, such as:





Advice on bigger home repair projects







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.

#### 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



#### 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



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# **Many Thanks!**

Kind Words from a Ride Assist Customer. Our Ride Assist volunteers make a real difference—and this message says it all. We're so grateful for amazing volunteers like Sandy who go above and beyond to offer safe rides, warm conversation, and genuine care. Thank you to all who help keep this vital program rolling! Interested in volunteering? Call today.



On a count from 1 to 10, I would give Sandy a 100! She was so pleasant to be with, a very careful driver and was willing to let me talk her ear off. I hope I get to see her again. I would again like to thank you for this service, it is so appreciated.





Thank you to everyone who came out to the brat sale to support our cause. Special thanks to Lodi Sausage Co. & Meat Market for generously sponsoring this event. Your support helps us continue to serve and strengthen Lodi!





The 3rd graders from LES spent their PE class walking to ROL, lending a hand and spreading smiles along the way. We're so grateful for their energy, kindness, and support!

> A special shopper and her mom stopped by ROL to pick up some groceries! A big thank you to all our generous donors for helping make her day a little brighter. Your support truly makes a difference!







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# **Many Thanks!**

Special delivery of kindness! Our amazing Post Office truly delivered during their Stomp Out Hunger campaign – collecting an incredible 8,500 pounds of non-perishable food for Reach Out Lodi! A heartfelt thank you to our postal heroes and the generous community members who filled those bags and mailboxes with food. You're helping us stock the shelves and support neighbors in need.







One person CAN make a difference. Alaina Hartley from Rio decided to do a clothing drive at her school and look at the result. Two truck beds and a trailer FULL of clothes. And she even helped unload them and bring them into Reach Out Lodi. From all of us in Lodi, thank you to Alaina and all the Rio students who donated!





Thank you to the Vollrath Company for your food drive donations. Our shelves are much happier now!



Thank you Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church for your donation. We love our caring community!





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### **Past Events**

Volunteers are the heart of everything we do. Whether they're stocking shelves, giving rides, sorting clothes, or lending a kind ear-your time, care, and compassion make a real difference.

ROL hosted a volunteer appreciation brunch to thank our volunteers for all that they do to uplift our community.

# **VOLUNTEER** APPRECIATION CELEBRATION









# Garage & Bake Sale

We're walking on sunshine thanks to the incredible success of ROL's Garage & Bake Sale — we raised over \$4,200 this year! Huge thanks to everyone who donated, shopped, baked, and volunteered. Special shoutout to Jane for her amazing work organizing the event, baking, and rallying volunteers!











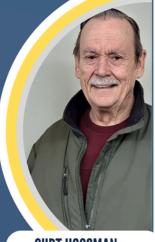
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A lifelong advocate for service, Curt Hossman's dedication to others shines through in everything he does. Originally from Madison, Curt made Lodi his home in 1978 after serving as a social worker for Native American communities. Many in Lodi affectionately know him as "Mr. Hossman," the compassionate and trusted quidance counselor who supported generations of high school students.

Curt's commitment to volunteerism began in his teens and has continued through the decades. He has generously given his time to organizations such l as Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, and various local hospitals.



**CURT HOSSMAN** 

At Reach Out Lodi, Curt brings that same spirit of kindness and connection. He finds great joy in getting to know those he helps and offering meaningful support to people in need. We're grateful to have Curt as part of the ROL family—his quiet strength and caring presence make a difference in our community.





#### Free kids activities

Sidewalk squares available for "rent" \$5/each with chalk provided by ROL

Sign up at the event

Artist Peter Davidson will create his own design. At 6pm Peter will judge the squares & award ribbons to winners in each category

# for students in need

Call Reach Out Lodi at 608-592-4592 to request supplies. Please provide the grade level and gender of each child to ensure we pack the right supplies in their new backpack. Families will be notified when their order is ready for pick-up.



Want to Help?

If you don't need supplies but would like to support those who do, consider making a financial donation. You can give online at reachoutlodi.org, call ROL, or mail your donation to: 601 Clark Street, Lodi, WI 53555.

THANK YOU! for helping us make a difference in our community!



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# **Getting to Know James**

A Lifelong Learner and Card Shark

At 92 years young, James brings wisdom, humor, and a love of connection to the Reach Out Lodi community. After serving five years in the Air Force Reserve, James went on to build a remarkable 52-year career as a lawyer in Chicago. Despite his busy professional life, he never lost touch with his family—making weekly visits to his family in Harmony Grove.

Now back in the Lodi area, James is an active participant in many ROL programs. Whether he's stretching at Senior Yoga, playing a competitive hand at Euchre Club, or enjoying a meal at "Dinner With".

James is a self-proclaimed history buff and an enthusiastic card player, but above all, he values the friendships he's formed through ROL. "I've made so many friends here," he says. "There's always something interesting to do and great people to share it with."



Reach Out Lodi welcomes everyone to our events, and we encourage others to join us, get involved, and become part of the vibrant community James enjoys so much.



### **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

#### 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





We're looking for friendly, dependable volunteers to help keep our Community Store running smoothly. Tasks include stocking shelves, greeting customers, and bagging groceries.

Monday - Saturday **IFAM** during business hours

Contact ROL to learn more!





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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



- 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.

