

NEWSLETTER

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation
6801 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 203, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

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GRC/ROCC UPDATE

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE ON



\$96,292

As of 9/23/2021

Here are three ways to give:

1) GoFundME:

www.gofundme.com/f/gofundme.com/greater-riverdale-cares

2) Our office:

CKAR CDC
6801 Kenilworth Avenue
Suite 203
Riverdale Park, MD 20737
[Note GRC or ROCC]

3) Our website:

www.ckarcdc.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Student service opportunity!
¡Oportunidad de servicio para estudiantes!

HELP US BEAUTIFY YOUR COMMUNITY

AYÚDENOS A EMBELLECCER SU COMUNIDAD

Sign up to receive updates about upcoming events | Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones sobre los próximos eventos:
bit.ly/Beautification_Proj

OCT 2021



Communities Include Comunidades Incluyen:

East Pines - Oct 1, 3 pm
West Lanham Hills - Oct 16, 9 am
Riverdale Hills, Heights & Crestwood - Oct 23, 9 am
Woodlawn - Oct 30, 9 am



Community Forklift donated supplies that will help make this a successful effort. We are proud and thankful for their support. Community Forklift is a nonprofit reuse center for home improvement supplies that are made available at reasonable cost to the public. View their website for more information or to make donations: communityforklift.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & LEADERS

Celebrating Our COMMUNITY LEADERS



Dr. Alexandra Moran began her career in Ecuador, gaining unparalleled experience in community health while working through dengue and chikungunya epidemics and during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in the ER of one of the most affected cities in South America. Dr. Moran is well known for her energetic and highly motivated personality, expertise, and ambitious outcome-oriented tenacity to deliver results. While her work engagements have taken her around the world, from Ecuador to Miami, Dr. Moran is proud to call Maryland her home.

Dr. Moran is a community health provider at Luminis and loves helping people, doing outreach in the community, tackling health equity and providing health education and prevention through culturally appropriate engagement with the community.

In addition to her primary job functions, Dr. Moran has been recognized by Major Gavin Buckle's office, in the city of Annapolis, with two city council citations for her extraordinary commitment to Take Care Annapolis, a health education outreach program, now being used as a model statewide and for her astonishing work during the COVID-19 pandemic within the city.

Check out her work, say hi, or ask any question on her FB/IG for upcoming clinics @alexamoranmd.

She adds that RIVERDALE in Prince George's County has now become our focus, as it was one of the most affected within the Latinx community.

Dr. Moran holds conversations and Q&A sessions regarding vaccines and vaccines hesitancy periodically on zoom talks, FB live, and group meetings. Luminis collaborates with community leaders and organizations like CKAR to go to locations where they can reach the community and provide vaccines and health education.



Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) partnered with CKAR and to provide monetary



donations for meals to the citizens of Hyattsville. HAP is a volunteer-run nonprofit village, dedicated to helping Hyattsville residents as they age. They define "Villages as grassroots organizations around the country focused on supporting seniors." Volunteer services, educational and social events, and advocating for the interests of residents of the City of Hyattsville over the age of 60 are their primary focus.

HAP opened its doors in 2011; since then, it has made a tremendous impact in the Hyattsville area and the surrounding neighborhoods. Its contributions to the citizens have been more than generous, from providing transportation, landscaping, installing smoke detectors, moving furniture, shoveling snow to checking in on the neighbors from time to time. Its commitment to the Hyattsville's community is truly a blessing.

As part of its community service, HAP contributes monetarily to the food distribution programs at St. Mark's Catholic Church and the University Christian Church, both in Hyattsville, which is distributed through the Greater Riverdale Cares and Route One Communities Care Restaurant Meals initiative.

During August, Hyattsville seniors enjoyed delicious, healthy meals prepared by Emerita's, Carbon y Lena, and Shortcake Bakery. Our senior citizens are grateful for the meals and look forward to future distributions. To learn more about HAP's involvement in the Hyattsville community and surrounding areas, go to their website <https://hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/>.

CKAR — Back to School



Alexandra Perez-Velasquez
CKAR Outreach Coordinator

Riverdale Elementary School's Back-to-school event was held August 17th — 19th. Parents enrolled their children in the free and reduced lunch program. Everyone received face masks and a Megalite light kit that consists of a power strip and an assortment of light bulbs.



CKAR's table consisted of a free MegaLight light kit, face mask, community resource guide, and Taste of Greater Riverdale flyers at both events.

The Al Huda Back-to-School event was held Sunday, August 15th. Krazi Kabob staff was present and donated meals for those in attendance. Krazi Kabob participates in the Greater Riverdale Cares/Route One Communities Care Restaurant Meals initiative. They are located at 5110 Roanoke Place, #102, College Park, MD 20740. We want to keep our restaurants open, and this can only happen with your support.



CKAR HAPPENINGS

2021-2022 "BRANCHING OUT" PROGRAM

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR FREE FALL 2021 TREE PLANTINGS



Crew members of MacMillian & Sons Landscaping company, planting trees on resident's property

BRANCHING OUT — ENHANCING OUR SUCCESSFUL GREENING PROJECT

Free tree planting to Residents of Riverdale Park, Eastpines, Templeton Knolls, Beacon Heights, Bladensburg, the Port Towns, Woodlawn, and Lanham. Homeowners can request up to three (3) trees from the following: large shade trees, small shrubs, and fruit-bearing trees. **Get your tree** request form at [Get Free Trees](#). Complete the form and mail it to CKAR CDC, 6801 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 203, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. You may also call our office at (240) 608-2527 or email your request to info@ckarcdc.org.

Primary benefits for having trees:

- 🍃 Increase your property value by up to 20%
- 🍃 Increase business traffic and value
- 🍃 Decrease a storm-water runoff
- 🍃 Help cool your community
- 🍃 Encourage residents to engage in physical activity
- 🍃 Increase immunity by exposing you to beneficial microbiota
- 🍃 Improve mental health and lower stress
- 🍃 Improve cognitive performance in children



Partners



Sarvis Café & Empowerment Center

Yes, We're Opening Soon!
Soft Opening - October 2021

- Fresh breakfast & lunch served daily
- Menu reflecting the diversity in our community
- Focus on healthy eating & living
- Culinary arts, customer service and entrepreneurship training
- Prime recruitment site for local businesses
- Guest Chef "Cook and Chat" sessions for seniors
- Covered patio with outdoor seating for community meetings and events



www.sarviscafe.org

CKAR CDC is a non-profit organization; therefore, your donations are tax-deductible under current tax laws. Your donations go towards completion of renovation, programs, and community events, and are indeed needed — <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/CentralKenilworthAvenueRevita/embeddonate.html>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CKAR sponsored two students from the End Time Harvest Ministries 2021 Jobs for Youth Summer Employment Program. This program was made possible by ETHM and Joe's Movement Emporium (Joe's). Their goal was to "equip these summer interns with the academic, social, and emotional knowledge and skills they needed to successfully connect to high school, their community, and with other students and teachers in the fall." CKAR staff provided tasks that further cultivated their skills. We are happy to report that ETHM and Joe's mission was satisfied.

Their internship lasted six weeks during June and July. The youth worked in various departments assisting CKAR staff. They exhibited a wealth of skills that included technology and organization while accomplishing their tasks. The two were eager to learn and were very respectful and cooperative with staff. It was easy and a pleasure to supervise them. We greatly benefitted from having them with us and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Learn more about this program by visiting ETHM website: <https://www.ethm.org/>

2021 Jobs for Youth Summer Employment Program

Connecting Students to Schools and Community



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