

## 2024 Report to the Board from Caring Committee

To: Emanuel Congregation Members:

From: Ken Malley, Chair of Caring Committee

Dear Members,

I am pleased to provide an update on the recent efforts and activities undertaken by the Caring Committee to support our congregation members in times of need.

Our mission is to embody the Jewish value of **chesed** (loving-kindness) by providing compassionate support to Emanuel members facing health challenges, personal losses, and other difficulties. This aligns with the teaching from Pirkei Avot, "The world stands on three things: Torah, avodah (service), and gemilut chasadim (acts of loving-kindness)."

To facilitate communication and coordination, we have created a Google Group named **Emanuel Cares**.

Since its inception, the **Emanuel Cares** Communication Group has successfully undertaken the following initiatives:

- 1. Support for the Sick:** We have reached out to members who are unwell, offering emotional support and practical assistance. Our volunteers have made numerous phone calls to check in on their well-being and provide a comforting presence.
- 2. Transportation Assistance:** Recognizing the need for transportation support, we have organized rides for congregants to attend High Holiday services, Synagogue functions as well as medical appointments. This service has been crucial for those without access to reliable transportation.
- 3. Meal Delivery:** To offer comfort to those grieving the loss of loved ones, we have delivered homemade soup and challah. These gestures of kindness have been greatly appreciated and have helped to ease the burden during difficult times.

### **Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment:**

To sustain and expand our efforts, we are actively seeking additional volunteers to join our committee. We believe that with more hands on deck, we can increase the scope and impact of our support.

We would like to extend an invitation to the entire congregation to become part of this meaningful initiative. Members interested in joining the Emanuel Cares Google Group or learning more about our efforts can reach out to Ken Malley at malleyks@gmail.com.

Ken is coordinating our volunteer efforts and will be happy to provide more details and answer any questions.

We are committed to fostering a caring and supportive environment within our kahila. With the support of our membership, we are confident that we can extend our reach and make a significant difference in the lives of our congregants.

Thank you for your attention and continued support.

**L'Shalom,**

Ken Malley

Chair, Emanuel Caring Committee