

{ THE MICAH INITIATIVE }  
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Rama Road Raccoons

Update  
September, 2011

**Reflections from Rama Road: pencils, papers & prayers**

It took six carloads to get all of the back-to-school supplies donated by Christ Church over to Rama Road Elementary. It would have taken six semi-tractor trailers to carry all of the love and prayers behind the effort. Over 80% of the children at Rama Road live in poverty, a statistic inching ever higher. We have a priceless opportunity through The Micah Initiative to lighten their load and help them experience abundance in the form of a backpack bulging with shiny supplies. There are countless other ways to give, with tutors and lunch buddies especially needed. No matter how old you are, there's just nothing like the fresh page of a new school year. What will you write on yours?



**More Tutors Needed for the Fall!!!**  
**Sign up today!**

We are still in need of 30 more tutors for the fall at Rama Road Elementary School. Tutors work with the same student once a week. It is also possible to partner with another adult and tutor every other week if once a week is too much of a time commitment for you. If you think you might be interested in this ministry, please email Sarah Brincefield at [brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**We Need You...for the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive!**  
**Need Help Coordinating**

Last year Christ Church organized, prepared and delivered Thanksgiving dinners for over 80 families with children at Rama Road Elementary. Without your generosity, these families would not have had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. If you think you might be interested in helping to coordinate this special event, please contact Sarah Brincefield at [brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**Girl Scouts of Rama Road**  
**Need Volunteers and Supplies**

Thanks to the leadership of a few Christ Church parishioners, the Rama Road Elementary Girl Scout Troop has grown much bigger. The troop has grown so much bigger that it needs more volunteer help this year.

\*Meetings are two Mondays a month from 2:30 until 4:20PM.

Little preparation is required. This is a very rewarding opportunity. These girls are extremely grateful for your attention and time. Come join in on all of the excitement!

Additional needs include: People to provide a quick, easy snack (can be delivered prior to meetings), extra hands to provide paper products, supplies and help setting-up prior to special events, and help sewing and ironing badges onto vests prior to meetings.

Questions? Contact Julie Stedman at 704-333-2844 or email [julescs@aol.com](mailto:julescs@aol.com) or contact Anita Griffin at 704-362-0079 or email [ahgriffin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ahgriffin@carolina.rr.com).

**Don't have time to volunteer on a weekly basis?  
Help with a special event! Upcoming events are listed below.**

**Thursday, October 6th - Curriculum Night (5:30-7:30PM)**

We need at least 10 volunteers to help set-up and serve a hot meal and drinks for 300 Rama Road family members. Donations of juice boxes, bottled water, brownies and cookies are also needed for curriculum night.

**Friday, October 21st - Stock the Fridge for the Teachers**

Donations of soft drinks, cases of bottled water, juice and individually wrapped packages of snacks are needed. This is a great activity to do with a group of friends. Contact Lisa Ten Eyck (pteneyck@carolina.rr.com), Nancy Targgart (etarggart@carolina.rr.com) or Boo Viser (cdviser@carolina.rr.com) for specifics.

\*\*To donate food or drinks for either of these events, please mark items "Rama Road" and leave them in Aimee Norman's office.

**Friday November 18th - Fried Chicken Lunch**

Volunteers are needed to help pick up, deliver, and serve a fried chicken lunch for staff. To sign up to volunteer or if you have questions contact Lisa Ten Eyck at pteneyck@carolina.rr.com or Nancy Targgart at etarggart@carolina.rr.com or Boo Viser at (cdviser@carolina.rr.com).

## Reminders

**Bridges Out of Poverty Upcoming Training Dates**

2 Hour Condensed Training on Monday, October 17th from 7-9:00PM. To register email Sarah Brincefield at brincefields@christchurchcharlotte.org or call Sarah at 704-714-6962.



**CMS Registration**

If you haven't registered with CMS, please do this as soon as possible - it only takes a few minutes. Just go to [www.cmsvolunteers.com](http://www.cmsvolunteers.com). If you have trouble, contact Deanna Chillemi, at [Deanna.Chillemi@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:Deanna.Chillemi@cms.k12.nc.us).



**Harris Teeter VIC Cards**

Please link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to Rama Road Elementary School, #1920. Each store has a list of the schools if you are there and forget this number. Even if your card was linked to Rama Road last year, it must be re-linked for this school year. If you have children in another school, you can link to both their school and Rama. You can support more than one school!



**Office Depot**

Rama Road's school number is #70060633. Give this number when you check out and Office Depot will make a donation to Rama Road!



**General Mills Box Tops**

Cut and Save the Education Square on your General Mills Boxes, Bags, etc. Give them to Christine DeLia at Christ Church.

**Questions?**

Please contact any of the members on our committee.

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