

Micah House



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**AN OUTREACH OF
TRINITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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Micah House has been making an impact in the next generation in north Redlands since 2001. As an outreach of Trinity Community Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, Micah House addresses the educational, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of at-risk children ages 6-17 in high-crime, low-income neighborhoods. This outreach was created with the purpose of meeting the tremendous challenges faced by kids today in the under-resourced neighborhoods of north Redlands.

About 100 students and their families are served each day after school with homework help, tutoring, literacy support, recreational activities, computer training, character-building skills, and college preparation.

THE MICAH HOUSE DIFFERENCE

Each afternoon a student can get help with homework and reading. Opportunities to learn and practice life skills are built into each day. Team work, sportsmanship, anger management, self-confidence, and computer skills are taught and reinforced as the kids study, play, and build relationships with staff and volunteers.

Activities that make learning fun include arts and crafts, bike restoration, sewing, gardening, and field trips to places like the symphony, airplane rides, and sleepovers at the Burrage Mansion.

Incentives are a unique part of the Micah House program. Kids have the opportunity to earn "points" for healthy behaviors like regular attendance, completing homework, getting good grades in school, and helping others. Points accumulate and may be redeemed for items in the Micah House Kid's Store or off-site field trips to places where they might not ordinarily have the privilege to go.



Andre - Micah House Mascot

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Great things are accomplished through unity...The time you spend is an investment in kids' lives, financial futures and their family health as well as unity for the community-at-large. Join with others who have witnessed the difference Micah House is making in the Redlands Community.

The chance to help a child is a great reward for both you and the child. We have many opportunities for you to serve...

- Teach crafts, scrapbooking, gardening, sewing
- Provide transportation to off-site events
- Homework assistance and tutoring
- Spend an afternoon reading to children
- Recreational activities such as softball, soccer and basketball
- And more!

Volunteers are an integral part of this outreach. No amount of time is too small...One hour a week can make a difference.

OUR VISION

Micah House is an outreach of Trinity Community Foundation. We seek to accomplish the following:

- Expose these children to a positive home atmosphere
- Partner with their families to influence the neighborhood where they live
- Compliment the public school teacher's efforts by helping the kids with their daily assignments

TCF recognizes that it is necessary for people to have their basic needs met and we believe that a whole-family approach produces the best results for children, youth, and families and the communities in which they live.



Literacy

Specialized literacy training is an integral part of Micah House programming. Hannah Pavoni is a Literacy Specialist who serves on our staff. She regularly tests our students to determine their reading level and if a student is one grade or more behind in his/her reading level, they are enrolled in the literacy program for more in-depth reading skills training. On average there are 40 students enrolled in our literacy program, and the average improvement rate is 125% within a 9 month period. Since reading is crucial for future success, we have decided to make this a strategic investment in the lives of Micah House kids.



As a part of our everyday programming, students finish their homework and then they spend approximately thirty minutes reading. We use software called Accelerated Reader, a computer system that allows students to take quizzes on their books and receive immediate feedback on their comprehension.

Another way that children learn to comprehend what they are reading is through individual instruction with an adult. During one-on-one instruction, the distinctive strengths and weaknesses are addressed so that each child can grow to become better readers. Some of the learning strategies employed are decoding unfamiliar vocabulary, letter and word recognition, fluency, and monitoring comprehension.

Micah House invites children to stay an extra hour after the program to participate in the Reading Club. This is a fun, interactive group who read at a similar level. They participate in reading games, 'read-alouds', and a reader's theater which are all designed to strengthen their reading skills.

Literacy is a fun and meaningful way to invest in a child's life. There are many volunteer possibilities, including:

- Partnering with a student to read together after their homework
- Working one-on-one to strengthen their reading abilities
- Leading a Reading Club group
- And much more!

We'd love to partner with you! Please contact Hannah Pavoni at hpavoni@trinityonline.org for more information.

Reality Changers

BUILDING FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Reality Changers is a new college preparatory program offered to 8th-11th graders at Micah House. The program features academic counseling, tutoring and assistance with paperwork. The program is designed to help each student prepare for college. For 8th, 9th and 10th graders, the program tracks academic progress including college preparatory coursework and exploring college and career options. For 11th and 12th graders, the program helps narrow down college choices, prepare for entrance exams (SAT/ACT), and identify scholarship opportunities.

The program is FREE to qualified Micah House students, but they must be fully committed in order to participate in the program. To enter the program, they must agree to:

- participate fully in the program
- maintain good grades (3.0 GPA)
- maintain satisfactory school attendance
- serve 25 hours of community service each academic year
- serve 25 hours at Micah House
- participate in at least one organized school activity
- avoid gangs, drugs/alcohol and sexual misconduct
- avoid a negative behavior record at school

Registration in Reality Changers at Micah House is limited, and will be honored on a first-come first-served basis. Parents/guardians must agree to participate in the program.



Your Partnership

Your support helps Micah House staff and volunteers offer homework help, literacy education, and character-building activities Monday through Thursday at no cost to the children or their families.

Because you care and give, kids have a safe place to come after school and have opportunities for growth and development that they might not ordinarily have.

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In their own words...

From our students:

What do you like about Micah House?

We do fun stuff. We do bike club. I like to do AR Reading.- A., age 7

You teach us about God, bike club, AR Reading, and soccer. Most of all, I love the singing! - M., age 9

From our parents:

How has Micah House helped your child(ren)?

Micah House has helped Danny in so many ways, especially in his discipline and reading. - Parent

By having a good, structured environment for them to work on homework after school. - Parent

From our volunteers:

I have had a desire to help out at Micah House for years! But, with my kids' schedules, etc, we had never comitted to it. My daughter had community service hours to fulfill this year, so, we decided to make it a family activity. My older kids and I go for one hour a week. I love that there is an opportunity for us right here, so close! I pray that our little bit of time will have an eternal impact! - Laura Denmark

Helping at Micah House has allowed me to become a servant in Christ and God has truly blessed me... it is I that must say THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve. - Renee Anderson

OUR FOUNDERS



Gary Inrig
Senior Pastor
Trinity Church

"Empowering the next generation is not only wise, it is enormously fulfilling. Micah House is making a difference and is a worthy place to invest time, talent and money."



Jim Bueermann
Redlands Police Chief,
Retired

"Micah House is an invaluable partner of the Redlands Police Department. Our public safety strategy, in one of Redlands' most challenged neighborhoods, would be seriously lacking without the work of our dedicated, tireless and compassionate friends at Micah House. All of Redlands benefits from their efforts."

Making A Difference

If you want to make a difference in the life of an at-risk child in the under-served neighborhood of north Redlands, you can sponsor a child enrolled in one or more of the following program(s):

- After-school tutoring, homework help, computer training, etc.
- College Preparation (Reality Changers)
- Specialized Literacy Instruction

Thank you for your support...

Your tax-deductible gift made payable to “Trinity Community Foundation” will make a difference in the lives of at-risk children at Micah House.

Tax-deductible donations can be given

- With a credit card online at **www.MicahHouseRedlands.org** by clicking the “Donate” button.
- By making a check payable to “Trinity Community Foundation” and mailing to: 1551 Reservoir Rd, Redlands, CA 92374.

Trinity Community Foundation, which operates Micah House, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of California. All donors who give \$250 or more will receive a confirmation of their gift by January 31 of the following year in accordance with I.R.S. guidelines. For gifts of less than \$250, the cancelled check/credit card receipt is sufficient proof for your tax preparation.

Be sure to remember Micah House in your estate planning.



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