

MICAH HOUSE

PARTNER GUIDE



AN OUTREACH OF
TRINITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Micah House has been making an impact on 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, 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.



OUR MISSION

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

- Provide a safe place for children after school in a Godly atmosphere
- Partner with families to positively influence the surrounding neighborhood
- Support the public school teachers efforts by helping students with 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, families and the communities in which they live.

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.



LITERACY

Evidence shows that there is a direct correlation between reading proficiency and success in life, so literacy training is an essential part of a student's growth and well-being. Micah House is committed to making reading skills development a priority so that children in North Redlands are given the individual instruction they need in order to succeed. Many of these kids come from Spanish-speaking homes and as a result, reading in English (and sometimes even in Spanish) is not modeled for them in their own homes. This is a major contributor to lower reading levels that we find in this community.



THE ARTS

Micah House has started an intentional program to emphasize the arts for children who are struggling academically in North Redlands. As a result of reviewing a Harvard study*, we have developed a focus on music, dance and visual arts. This study shows that there is a significant link between exposure to the arts and scholastic performance.



Music instruction helps under-achievers who lag behind in math scores. Consider the fact that music teaches a relationship between eighth, quarter, half and whole notes, and you will begin to see how this could supplement a student's learning of fractions, ratios and proportions.

Likewise, dance complements math as well as science by teaching principles of spatial-temporal significance through a rhythmic emphasis on space and time. An auxiliary improvement that is beneficial to children coming from lower income families is education on exercise, diet/nutrition, and athleticism.

The study of visual arts has a direct correlation with learning history and culture since all major eras of history exhibit the experiences of people through some form of art which is an expression of their culture. We are very thankful to our continued relationship with the Redlands Art Association & Redlands Community Music Association who have provided many skilled artists to teach children at Micah House.

*The Journal of Aesthetic Education, "The Arts and Academic Achievement", Harvard University and Reviewing Education and The Arts Project (REAP), Winter 2000.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

FROM OUR CIVIC PARTNERS



Jerry Bean, Redlands City Councilman *"Every underachieving school should have a Micah House. The skills kids learn will forever change their lives."*

Lori Rhodes, Superintendent of Schools, Redlands Unified School District *"Micah House truly honors the spirit of volunteerism. Hours of dedicated service and programs that Micah House provides help move our community forward in a positive direction. Their leaders seem to have a great knack for identifying exactly the right program that is needed, and the volunteers work in exactly the right spirit to meet those needs. I have learned if Micah House puts their focus and energy behind a program, great things will happen. Redlands Unified School District is grateful for the partnership that Micah House provides!"*



Mark A. Garcia, Police Chief, City of Redlands *"Effective public safety requires strong community partnerships. Micah House has proven to be a strong community partner with the Redlands Police Department. Their investment in our youth by providing practical skills and spiritual strength are essential to the future of our community."*

Jeff L. Frazier, Fire Chief, City of Redlands *"Micah House serves an invaluable role in our community. The Redlands Fire Department and the Firefighter's Association feel blessed to partner with such a great organization."*



FROM OUR FOUNDERS



Gary Inrig, Pastor, *"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."*

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)?

"The time had come for Myah to graduate and I honestly was frightened because I thought she was going to be held back. When I opened her report card I was brought to tears because all of her grades had improved tremendously; all A's and B's maybe one C and her citizenship was excellent. She has several awards including perfect attendance and I am forever grateful for Micah House. Thank you so much." **Parent**

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

FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

"For me, it is an amazing feeling to help kids who are disadvantaged due to their economic position in the community. I see how the Lord has blessed these children and the volunteers. I wish I could have had this opportunity when I was a kid. I didn't grow up "disadvantaged", but I really wish that there had been a Micah House where I could learn from volunteers who mentored/tutored me. The Lord is working and I get to see His hand! What a blessing!" **Tara Talvin**

"One of the gifts I received from Micah House over the last four years is the room I was given to grow as a tutor and a leader. I was given leadership roles in reading clubs, devotional times, and tutoring students one-on-one with literacy. I am still amazed at the amount of trust that was given to me in handling these responsibilities and how much grace when my performance was less than perfect. Thanks to that trust and grace, I now have more confidence and belief in my abilities to work with children and do so in ways that will truly help them." **Kelly Odor**

YOU CAN HELP!

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 our program. Your tax-deductible gift made payable to **“Trinity Community Foundation”** will make a difference in the life of a child 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.

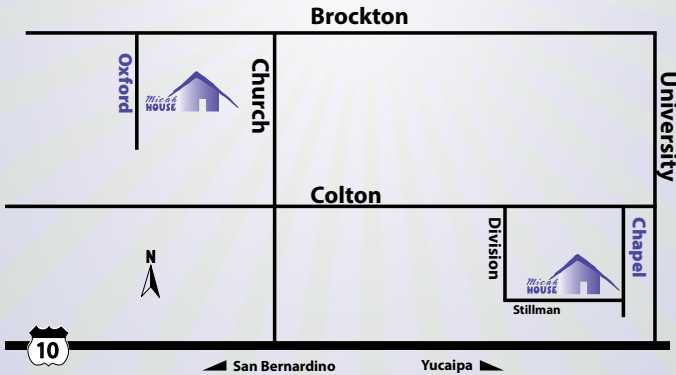
TWO LOCATIONS

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