



Raphael  
House



# Read-For-Need Parent & Caregiver Guide

## WHAT IS THE READ-FOR-NEED FUNDRAISER?

Also commonly known as a *Read-A-Thon*, our *Read-For-Need* community-wide event provides an opportunity for children and their families to focus on reading together and raise essential funds for [Raphael House](#). Many supporters asked about ways they can help Raphael House this holiday season. We hope our Read-For-Need fundraiser creates a fun, educational activity for your family! **All donations from our Read-For-Need fundraiser support Raphael House programs and operations that provide shelter and supportive services to families experiencing homelessness.**

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. **Sign Up Online:** [Register here](#) as a participant by Wednesday, November 10th, 2021!
2. **Sign Up Sponsors:** Ask family and friends to sponsor your fundraiser by filling out the [Sponsor Form](#). Sponsors promise to donate 25¢, 50¢ or more for each page of a book or article read. Sponsors can also pledge a flat donation amount.
3. **Read, Read, and Read Some More!** Between Wednesday, November 15th and Wednesday, November 29th, read as many books and articles as you can, listing each one and the number of pages in your [Reading Log](#).
4. **Collect Pledges!** Once you've finished reading, thank and let your sponsors know about your reading accomplishments so they can make their pledges. Please turn in completed reading logs and sponsor forms to Kellen at [ksarver@raphaelhouse.org](mailto:ksarver@raphaelhouse.org). *Pledges are due Wednesday, December 15th, 2021.*
  - **Online Payments:** Raphael House staff will send you a link to a customized online fundraising page that you can share with your sponsors!
  - **Checks:** Make checks payable to: Raphael House of San Francisco. Checks can be mailed to: Raphael House, 1065 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please have sponsors put the reader's name and "Read-for-Need" in the memo line.

## WHAT IS RAPHAEL HOUSE'S TAX ID NUMBER?

Raphael House is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization (tax ID # is 94-3141608).

## WHAT IS OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL?

We hope every reader can raise at least \$100 from their sponsors, but each reader sets their own fundraising goal! Sponsors can include grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors, Facebook friends, and even yourself!

## HOW CAN PARENTS & CAREGIVERS HELP?

- **Help Set a Goal:** Set a goal for how many minutes your child or student reader will read during the Read-a-Thon. Motivate the reader to read more, choose different types of books, and consider reading more challenging books.
- **Make the Read-a-Thon Fun for the Whole Family! Examples:** Make a poster where family members can write down their favorite books, host a family or friends book club, or post photos to social media!
- **Remind Your Reader to Track Their Minutes:** This is often the most difficult part!