READ-FOR-NEED

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Raphael House
Inspiring Families.
Illuminating Hope.

| Town School for Boys Community Spirit Award Honoree | Raphael House Black & White Gala May 11, 2024 |

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. 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 Thursday, February 29th, 2024!

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. Sponsors can include grandparents, aunts/uncles, neighbors, Facebook friends, and even yourself!

3. **Read, Read, and Read Some More!** Between Saturday, March 2nd through Friday, March 15th, 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**. *Pledges are due Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024.*

   - **Online Payments:** Raphael House staff will send you a link to a customized Town School online fundraising page for Raphael House that you can share with your sponsors! Please ask your sponsors to include a comment with the name of the student they are sponsoring when they make their online donation.

   - **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).

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!