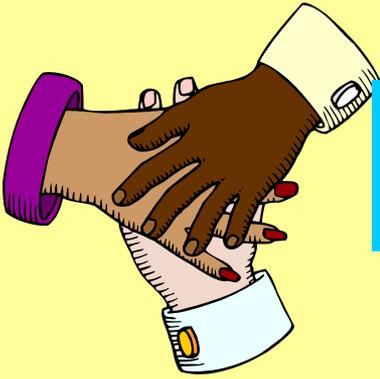


# Rowan One Church-One Child Ministry (ROCOOC)



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# PARTNERSHIP



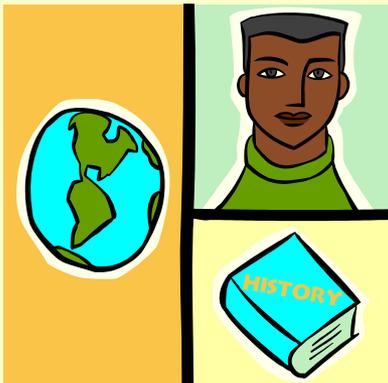
Rowan County DSS and Rowan County Churches  
Working Together

To be the bridge that makes a difference in the lives of children and families in Rowan County.



# Program History

OCOC was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1980 by Father George Clements, a Roman Catholic Priest, and other church pastors.



## ROCOC MINISTRY MISSION FOCUS

To be an outreach program between Rowan County Department of Social Services and local churches that is designed to make a difference in the lives of children and families lives by:

✝ Identifying and supporting families in congregations who are or may be interested in becoming foster and/or adoptive families.

✝ Helping to meet the needs of children and families served by RCDSS Children's Services.

✝ Supporting foster parents and relatives who care for Rowan County's children in foster care.

✝ Educating church members about the needs of Rowan County children and families who need assistance and support.



## Commitment of Member Churches



- ❖ Recruit a lay person to be church coordinator and contact person between the church and DSS.
- ❖ Sponsor of one or more outreach projects or educational programs during the year.
- ❖ Provide space for an informational center. Materials are provided by DSS.
- ❖ Keep the message about the needs of children and families before the congregation throughout the year.



## ROLE OF CHURCH LAY COORDINATOR



- ✓ Serve as liaison between the church and DSS.
- ✓ Articulate the program or project to church members during the year.
- ✓ Coordinate one program in the church during the year.
- ✓ Coordinate the church resource center.
- ✓ Attend church coordinator meetings hosted by member churches



# REDSS Will

- # Train and support church coordinators.
- # Provide all printed materials for the resource center and other publications.
- # Provide program speakers at the church's request.
- # Coordinate and host meetings for church coordinators and pastors.
- # Provide special recognition for member churches.



# Church Ministry Suggestions

Volunteer at the ROCOC Main Street UMC Assistance Center located at 1312 N. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 to:

- Sort and hang clothes
- Assist Clients
- Receive and process donations

•Donate material goods to the ROCOC Assistance Center for children and families. We accept the following gently used items in good repair:

- Clothes – all ages
- Shoes
- Toys
- Small Appliances
- Dishes, flatware, cookware
- Sheets, blankets, comforters
- Towels and wash cloths,
- School Supplies
- Books
- Baby Items

•Recruit one family in your congregation to become a foster/adoptive family.

- Sponsor a family receiving assistance.
- Donate monies to the ROCOC Assistance Fund to help purchase ROCOC life essential items for our children and families such as: beds, cribs, baby items, school supplies, prom expenses, graduation expenses, birthday gift cards for teens in the Links Independent Living Training Program, sheets, towels, and furniture.
- Conduct a collection drive for: school supplies, diapers, baby wipes, boys and girls socks and underwear, toys, books, gently used clothing, shoes or personal hygiene items.
- Partner with other churches to sponsor a Birthday Party for teenagers in the Links Independent Living Training Program.
- Christmas Star Tree Program

- Change For Children Collection Drive.
- Provide meeting space for a Prospective Foster and Adoptive Parent Interest and Informational Meeting.
- Publicize Foster and Adoptive Parent Informational Meetings in church bulletins, newsletters, web sites and announce the meeting at worship services.
- Use bulletin inserts, announcements, newsletters or bulletin boards to educate the congregation about the needs of our children and families.
- Conduct a Children's Sabbath Worship Service.
- Invite us to speak to groups in your congregation.

Examples of  
Member Church  
Donations and  
Projects

**Clothes:** pants, shirts, shoes, socks, sweat shirts, toboggans, gloves, mittens, prom dresses, boys and girls underwear, coats, sweaters, dresses, pocketbooks, jewelry, and prom dresses.

**Clothes Closet:** sorting clothes, donation of storage bins, consignment sale item

**Household Items:** dishes, glasses, pots, pans, silverware, lamps, cleaning supplies, paper products, suitcases, toddler beds/mattresses, twin beds, air mattresses, sheets, small appliances, furniture, ironing boards, brooms, mops and vacuum cleaners.

**Links Birthday Parties:** food and gift cards and bags.

**Personal Hygiene Items:** combs, shampoo, lotion, towels and washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, soap

**Play Items:** toys, tricycles, board games, books, DVDs, CDs, video game systems, sports game sets, stuffed animals, puzzles, bikes, electronic teaching aids, musical instruments

**School Supplies:** book bags and backpacks, lunch boxes/totes, instruments for band, keyboards, computers, notebook paper, pencils, pens, rulers, crayons, three ring binders, erasers, report folders, scissors, colored pens, highlighters, composition books, protractors, dividers.

**Expenditures from the ROCOC Account have purchased the following for families and children:**

Air mattresses

Appliances

Bed systems (frames, box springs, mattresses, sheets, blankets, comforters, and pillows)

Book bags

Cameras for teenagers

Clothes dryer parts

Clothes

Cleaning supplies

Cribs/ toddler beds and mattresses and crib sheets

Diapers and wipes

Electrical wiring for a family

Fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Food

Furniture

Graduation presents

Hair care and products

High chairs

Immunizations for a teenager to participate in a mission trip

Pack-n-plays

Prom expenses

Rent assistance

Scholarships for sports leagues

School field trips

Scouting Equipment

Shoes

Sports equipment

Storage bins

Summer church camps

Tutoring lessons

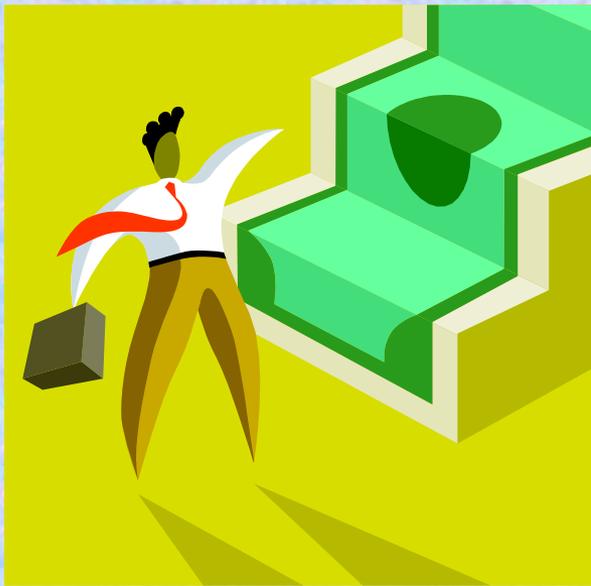
Utility bills and connection fees

Vitamin supplement for a child

Walkers

Wal-mart gift cards for teens with birthdays in the LINKS program

Winter coats



## What is the next step?

1. Decide if you and your church want to become a participating member of the ROCOC program.
2. Identify and recruit a lay person to be the church coordinator.
3. Call Jon Hunter at 704-216-7914 and give him the name, address, phone number and email address of the church coordinator.

4. Ask the coordinator to attend Church Coordinators and Pastors Meetings.
5. Support the coordinator in leading the program in your congregation.
6. Work with the coordinator to find space in the church for an informational resource center.
7. Work with the coordinator to create bulletin and newsletter announcements about the program.
8. Use church bulletin inserts at least one time a year.
9. Keep the ROCOC mission before the congregation during the year.

## Church Coordinator and Pastor Meetings

- Two meetings a year. April - Annual Celebration Banquet and Fall Meeting in October.
- An educational program is provided about children
- Program needs are presented
- Networking and Coordinator Sharing Moments
- Program reports given
- New member churches are recognized
- Meetings are planned at Advisory Board Meetings

**Rowan One Church One Child Ministry Church Registration Form**

**Church Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church Coordinators Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_