



Rowan One Church One Child News Flash November - 2015

Rowan County Churches partnering with RCDSS meeting the life needs of children, teenagers, birth parents, and relative care providers who are receiving Child Protective, Foster Care or Adoption Services from RCDSS.

ROCO Office

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ROCO Assistance Center Schedule November 2015

**Open: 9-11 and
1:30 - 4 pm**

**November 2, 9, 12, 16, 19,
23, 30.**

**Closed:
Nov 5, 26.**



Need for
November
Deodorant



We praise God
for all that you
do!

1138 children and teens assisted from January 1, 2015 - October 19, 2015

Rowan County DSS Staff and Social Workers
ROCO Advisory Board Members and *Jon Hunter*



2015 Christmas Star Tree

Monday November 2, star request are due to Jon. Please see the next page for information related to the 2015 Star Tree.

In 45 Days

Sunday, December 6, 2015 @ 6 pm

Rowan One Church One Child Christmas Concert
Featuring The Band

“Raising Glory”

Life Church
708 Jake Alexander Blvd, West,
Salisbury, NC

Love Offerings Accepted to purchase beds for Rowan Country Children.

Sponsored By Life Church
Lead Pastor - Chris Shelton

**ROWAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ONE CHURCH ONE CHILD 2015 STAR TREE**

- **By Monday, November 2, 2015**, churches should contact Jon Hunter, preferably by email (jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov), or by phone (704-216-7914) whether or not their church will participate in the Star Tree project, as well as the number of children the church is able to serve.
- **By November 16, 2015**, the One Church One Child Program will distribute a list of names to each participating church. Churches will receive a mixture of ages and sexes.
- **The Stars for representing children will be assigned on a first sign up basis. If the requests for available Stars exceed the children available at the initial request time, then you will be assigned Generic Stars for children entering care at a later time.**
- Churches will be given the child's first name, age, and a number to be placed on the star for that particular child.
- Churches will be responsible for making the stars. *Each star should contain the child's name, age, and number as it appears on the DSS list.*
- All gifts are to be in gift bags with the star securely attached and visible.
- There is a \$30.00 limit per child. Please adhere to this limit so that there is uniformity for the children. If there are several bags for one child, please limit the total value for the gifts in those bags to \$30.00.
- Donations can be one \$30.00 gift or several gifts totaling \$30.00. Gift cards in that amount are ideal for the teenagers.
- **During the week of December 7-11, 2015**, participating churches will bring their gifts to the Rowan County Department of Social Services, 1813 E. Innes St. Salisbury, NC. Specific dates, delivery times, and location within DSS will be sent with the list of names provided to the churches.
- **Generic Gift Request:** *DSS continues to get children into custody or new families with an open case during the 4 weeks between the time the churches receive their initial list and the date that the gifts are distributed for Christmas. DSS always needs gifts for children age birth to 18, who do not appear on the initial Star Tree list. The generic gifts do not have a price range; several gifts can be put together for a child.*

If a church is interested in providing generic gifts or being on call for generic gifts, please coordinate this thorough an email to Jon Hunter at jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov or a phone call to 704-216-7914.



- **Empty Gift Bags:** DSS always needs empty gift bags for the generic gifts and a donation of those is greatly appreciated.

Please don't forget to email or phone Jon Hunter by Monday, November 2, 2015 if your church is interested in participating in the Star Tree project.

Thank you for your participation in helping to assure the children involved with DSS receive a gift for Christmas.

Jon

**Give a year end gift to the
ROCOC Ministry
Child Assistance Fund
in memory or
in honor of someone.**

Your gift will help to provide :

- **A bed** to keep a Rowan County child or teenager from sleeping on the floor or with a parent;
- **Clean socks** to help keep a child or teenagers feet warm during the cold winter;
- **Personal hygiene items** (tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, deodorant) to help children and teens to stay clean and healthy;
- **Used Chest of Drawers** to ensure that children have a clean and safe place to store their clothes.
- **Used appliances** so that children will have clean clothes to wear and safe nourishing food to eat.

Please make checks payable to RCDSS.

In the memo line write ROCOC. **Your donation may be mailed to RCDSS, Attention—Jon Hunter, 1813 E. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28146**

We Give Thanks for Our Partners in Ministry!

Ardis Chapel AME Zion
Bethel Lutheran
Bethel UMC
Bethlehem UMC
Bethpage UMC
Cedar Grove AME Zion
Centenary UMC
Central UMC - Spencer
China Grove Church of God
Christ Episcopal
Christ UMC
Church of the Word of God
Cleveland UMC
Coburn Memorial UMC
Concordia Lutheran
Cornerstone Church
Dorsett Chapel UCC
First Calvary Baptist
First Presbyterian – Salisbury
First United Church of Christ
First UMC – China Grove
First UMC – Landis
First UMC – Salisbury
Freedom United Church of God
Gay's Chapel UMC
Gethsemane Missionary Baptist
Gloria Dei Lutheran
Gold Hill UMC
Grace UMC
Haven Lutheran
Kannapolis Church of God
Lebanon Lutheran
Liberty UMC
Life Church–Salisbury
Main Street UMC
Maupin Avenue Presbyterian
Memorial UMC
Milford Hills UMC
Mount Olive Full Gospel Baptist
Mount Tabor UMC
Mount Zion CME
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist
Mount Zion United Church Of Christ
Oak Grove UMC
Oakdale Baptist
Providence UMC
Refreshing Springs Christian Ministry
Rock Grove UMC
Rockwell UMC
Salem Lutheran
Salisbury Seventh-day Adventist Church
San Mateo – St Matthew's Episcopal
Second Presbyterian
Shiloh UMC
Soldiers Memorial AME Zion
South China Grove UMC
Southside Church of God
Southern City AME Zion
St. Enoch Lutheran
St. James Lutheran
St. Matthew's Lutheran
St. Paul's Lutheran
The Tower of Power United Holy Church
United Christian Fellowship Church International
Woodleaf UMC
Word of Life Family Worship Center
Zion UMC

Add your church name to the list. Become a member congregation. Join us in sharing Jesus love and hope with children and teenagers in Rowan County who need our support and care. Contact Rev. Jon Hunter at 704-216-7914 or jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE CHILD AT A TIME.