



RAM NEWSLETTER

May, 2017



Happy Spring, everyone. It looks like April showers may bring more May showers along with the flowers. This month's newsletter is about need. We are putting our needs first because we have many needs right now. After that you will see ongoing fundraisers which will help with the monetary need and volunteer needs. The fun stuff is at the end! We hope you can help us with some of our needs and enjoy the pics of the **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the insert!** Thank you for your loyalty and your service and enjoy!

Monetary Need

As always seems to be the case this time of year, RAM is beginning to run low on funds for our operating expenses. It has not reached the critical stage yet, but it will in the near future. RAM would like to avoid the dire straits of last year by getting ahead of a crisis situation before it occurs. There are several things you can do to help. **First**, of course is to donate. This can be done on line through our Facebook page and our web site, through the mail or hand delivered. **Second** is to support our on-going fundraisers, which will be listed below. **Third** is to get a group together and host a fundraiser for us, such as a barbecue, fish fry, pool party, etc. **Fourth** is to organize a group to do donation days at local supermarkets, sporting events, or local businesses, etc. It is almost impossible for two people (our fundraising staff) to cover all of the possible avenues for raising money and we appreciate anything that you or your organizations can do for us. We will be here to support you in your efforts in any way that we can. Read on for the fundraisers that we currently have in progress.

Current Fundraisers



April Showers and

May Sunshine



Both require protection from the elements and RAM has just what you need. **UMBRELLAS!** RAM logo umbrellas are for sale at **RAM House** now for **\$20**. So stop by and get an extra one to keep in your car, at your office or next to your door at home. You can never have too many umbrellas!

Pack the Park Tickets Are Available Now!



ONLY \$5 EACH



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for RAM's annual fundraiser with the **Salem Red Sox**. It is scheduled for **Friday, June 23**. We look forward to partnering with the **Red Sox** again this year for a successful evening. The theme for the night is the 80's and there will be fireworks at the conclusion of the game. Make plans now to come by and pick up a few tickets to sell to friends, churches, co-workers and strangers! Or buy a few and give them to a youth group at your church or an organization in the community that makes activities available for our community youth.

Our tickets are only \$5, less than half what they cost at the gate.



Benefit Concert at Hollins College

May 6, 2017—7:00pm –9:00pm

Moody Hall



Helping Hands, an organization directed by Dominga Murray, **Miss Roanoke Valley 2017**, is sponsoring a concert to benefit **RAM House** on May 6, 2017 from 7:00pm –9:00pm at Moody Hall on the Hollins campus.. Dominga's platform is **Hunger Has a Cure** and she has directed her efforts to attack the hunger epidemic in Virginia. Dominga states that currently 16,570 individuals in the Roanoke Valley fall subject to food insecurity. Admission to the concert will be 3 cans of non-perishable food or a \$3 donation to **RAM**. The artist DJ Kool, who has opened for Beyonce on her **Lemonade Tour** and is known for his single "**Let me Clear my Throat**" will be donating his services to DJ for this event. **RAM** is getting the word out to local organizations and colleges. Please pass it on and plan to attend if you can! Thanks to **Miss Roanoke Valley** for her initiative and support.

Resurrection Catholic Joyous Junque Sale

Saturday, June 7-Sunday June 8

Each year, **Resurrection Church**, located at Smith Mountain Lake has a fantastic "yard sale" to raise funds to benefit local charities. **RAM** has benefitted from this sale for several years and is grateful for their help. **Resurrection Catholic** is now asking for our help in continuing to make the sale possible. They are in need of help setting up for the sale and help in loading trailers, cars and trucks as the items are sold. Set up days are **Tuesday, May 30, Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1 from 8:00am to 5:00pm**. The sale days are **Saturday, June 7 from 7:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am till 4:00pm**. If you can help for a few hours or all day and bring friends on any of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Martha at 540-345-9786 or msnidow@raminc.org.

Ram House Needs

Volunteer Needs

- **Immediate Need** for 1-2 people to help in the kitchen from 9:00am –11:00am on Sunday, May 7.

Kitchen Needs

- 1 person on Monday, May 15, 9:00am - 1:15pm
- 1 person on Wednesday, May 31, 9:00am - 1:15pm

Dining Room - 11:15 - 1:15

- 3-4 people for Monday May 29 and any or all other 5th Mondays (July 31, October 30)
- 3-4 people for Thursday, May 18 and any or all other 3rd Thursdays (once a month)
- 2-3 people on Wednesday, May 31

Star Bucks Pickup

Volunteers to pick up donations 3 times a week at one of the Starbucks listed below.

- Valley View Starbucks at 4801 Valley View Blvd.
- Starbucks at 129 Electric Rd., Salem
- Starbucks at Spartan Square in Salem

First Fridays on Franklin - 4:30pm to 9:30 pm

- Must be at least 21 years old
- 10 people for Friday, July 21 and 10 people for Friday, October 6

If you are able to help with any of these positions, please call Martha at 540-345-9786 or email at msnidow@raminc.org.

<u>Kitchen</u>	<u>Shelter Needs</u>	<u>Shelter</u>
Black Pepper	<u>Administration</u>	1-2 clothes irons
Granulated garlic	5 heavy duty shredders	Travel Size deodorant
Coffee	(1 per office)	
Gallon size freezer bags		
Dishwashing Liquid		
Floor Cleaner (Mr. Clean, Top Job, etc.)		

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

RAM's annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** was held on Thursday, April 20, at the **Shriner's Kazim Temple** on Campbell Avenue in Roanoke. Approximately 200 volunteers and guests enjoyed the delicious food provided by the **VWCC Culinary Arts Class** and the great camaraderie of old and new friends. **Volunteer of the Year** award recipients were Benny Reed and Tricia Chopski and **Group of the Year** was Resurrection Catholic Church. Many door prizes were given to volunteers, thanks to donations from businesses and individuals. The **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** is funded by a bequest left to **RAM** and specifically designated for that purpose. Thanks to all who helped and all who attended. We hope you had fun!

See the insert for pictures!

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“Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless”.

Anonymous

