



RAIHN

THE ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH  
HOSPITALITY NETWORK

### **RAIHN Letter to the Church**

To All Active UCP Members or Regular Attendees:

**RAIHN = Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network**

RAIHN is a program designed to help homeless families in our area. I encourage you to check out their website at [RAIHN.org](http://RAIHN.org) as there is much more information there than can be put in one letter. Our church has been an active part of RAIHN since before its creation in April of 2004. We partner with Brighton Reformed and Trinity Reformed. I believe that RAIHN has proven to be a very worthwhile mission and those who currently volunteer do it with an open heart and find fulfilling enjoyment in serving the Lord in this capacity.

It takes approximately 40 volunteers to adequately complete a one week rotation. Volunteers mainly provide hospitality and food. Hospitality can mean anything from sharing a meal, visiting, playing games, sharing a movie on TV or at times, just being in attendance in case of an emergency. We have come a long way since April of 2004 but some things never change. We still need new volunteers to fill the openings in our rotations.

My reason for the letter is to recruit new volunteers. Many of our UCP people have already completed RAIHN training yet some are not active volunteers. All volunteers are required to complete the RAIHN training and this is led by our RAIHN Director, Nancy Elliott on a consistent basis. If you have a family member, work friend or neighbor who would like to volunteer, you can refer them to me. You will only be asked to serve at most once per rotation, three or four times a year.

I have been the UCP RAIHN coordinator since we made our commitment in 2004. I thoroughly enjoy this responsibility and have been blessed with many faithful and dedicated volunteers. I know that everyone at UCP leads busy lives and each of us volunteers for other committees within UCP as well as organizations outside of our church walls. Because of this, I feel that by putting the RAIHN needs before you; those that are able will come forward. Without volunteers RAIHN's existence would not be possible. Sign-up opportunities will soon be held in Howard Hall.

Please give my request prayerful consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me or any of our current volunteers. Please stop at the sign-up table in Howard Hall.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read this letter.

Yours very sincerely in service to our Lord,

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