

## YEAR ONE, PHASE ONE OBJECTIVES (CONTINUED)

### 6. SUPPORT FOR WMRHS FAMILIES

The RNP will assist in the identification of and delivery systems for the "felt" needs of *The Raines Nation*. These will include:

- **FAMILY SUPPORT** – by providing daytime, evening, and/or weekend classes held at WMRHS on subjects including *Basic & Advanced Parenting, Marriage Preparation & Enrichment, Single Parent Support, Blended Families Education*, and more.
- **LIFE ASSISTANCE** – by providing daytime, evening, and/or weekend mentoring and assistance in *Financial Mastery, Career Development, Men's & Women's Issues, Substance Abuse Support, Peer-to-peer Support*, and more.

### 7. TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT

The RNP, in conjunction with the Principal and the Board of Education, will offer on-going support for teachers and faculty in work-related and non work-related capacities including mentoring, coaching, family support, etc. In addition, JRSC will liaise with the Principal and Board to provide on-going appreciation and recognition programs for outstanding service/performance by teachers and faculty.

## OBJECTIVES FOR SPRING 2012

- **ESTABLISH FULL-TIME, ONSITE PRESENCE AT RAINES**
- **COMPLETION AND OPENING OF RNP OFFICE**
- **COMPLETION OF RAINESNATION.COM SITE**  
This site will become a touch point for Students, Parents, and Staff
- **BEGIN MEETINGS WITH KEY WMRHS LEADERSHIP**  
To better understand the immediate needs of the school, students, and families
- **RELEASE MATERIALS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**  
To make them aware of the RNP and to begin a dialogue and interaction to foster a better understanding of their most pressing needs

## CONCLUSION

Our ultimate desire is that this partnership be meaningful to *The Raines Nation*. Until we listen to and learn from all of you, we won't have a complete idea of what such a partnership may look like. Again, we don't claim to be experts on anything other than loving and serving people. If nothing else, we look forward to bringing this "expertise" to WMRHS. We want to serve and love right alongside everyone that makes WMRHS what it is today and what it will be in the future. We are so grateful for this opportunity to partner with you!



WILLIAM M. RAINES  
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Friend,

I am so excited about the budding partnership between William M. Raines (WMRHS) and the Jacksonville ReSource Center (JRSC). This has been a long time in the making, and we are ready to get things moving. We look forward to serving every student, teacher, faculty member, and their collective families this year.

The *Raines Nation Partnership* (RNP) is a vision that came to my heart after years of attending joint meetings of school principals, members of the DCPS Board, and leaders of various community groups. I would sit in meetings for many hours and listen to parties from all sides express different desires and frustrations in their attempt to reach a common goal: *a rich educational experience for every DCPS student*. It was during these meetings that I began to get an idea of the small role we could play in achieving that goal. The *Raines Nation Partnership* is the first iteration of that vision; a seedling of love, service, and support that we hope will grow into something meaningful and impacting in the years to come.

The Jacksonville ReSource Center is the community partnership arm of THE CHURCH of Jacksonville (CJAX). We have been in Jacksonville for nine years, and have endeavored to help the people and institutions of this city in every way possible. The volunteers and partners of JRSC/CJAX are dedicated to building a better Jacksonville through practical, demonstrable, and tangible service. We purpose to do good in this city, endeavoring not only to meet the *felt* needs of our community, but also to do our part in making Jacksonville stronger and healthier for generations to come.

Rest assured, we don't claim to be experts in anything other than helping our fellow citizens. We have committed to the RNP for the sole purpose of serving the students, teachers, and faculty of WMR and their respective families. We are not educators, nor do we purport to be. Our goal is to serve the people of Raines. We hope that this service will help everyone in *The Raines Nation* to enjoy the richest educational experience possible.

We look forward to serving you this year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Smith  
President, Jacksonville ReSource Center  
Senior Pastor, THE CHURCH of Jacksonville

## OVERVIEW

- The *Raines Nation Partnership* (RNP) is a non-governmental, non-political, non-religious “Community Partnership Program” between The Jacksonville ReSource Center, Inc. (JRSC), the Board of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), and William M. Raines High School (WMRHS).
- The RNP is an all-encompassing, holistic partnership designed to foster a healthy educational environment and a rich educational experience for students and staff alike. The objective of the RNP is to assist WMRHS in reaching its academic and educational goals by tending to the *non-educational* needs of everyone in *The Raines Nation*. This includes the current students, teachers, and faculty of WMRHS, as well as their families. All of our resources and energy are focused on WMRHS alone.
- Though the key volunteers and staff of the RNP are from THE CHURCH of Jacksonville, the focus of our work with WMRHS is not religious in nature. The resources and services provided through the RNP are available to everyone in *The Raines Nation*.
- Neither the RNP nor JRSC will be directly involved in educating students or improving performance on State-mandated tests. We believe in *The Raines Nation* and its rich history in Jacksonville. Our mission is to support WMRHS in its mission.
- The RNP is pleased to work *interdependently* with other community programs that are dedicated to the good of *The Raines Nation*. This includes school alumni and benefactors. We want WMRHS to win! We gladly support and work with anything/anyone that is also dedicated to that end.

## OUR CORE BELIEFS

- We believe that the story of WMRHS is more than what has been recently reported by the media. WMRHS is an *intersecting point* in the destinies of the students, teachers, faculty, and the families of *The Raines Nation*. **People** are at the center of this “High School” experience, and every effort must be made to ensure that each school year provides the richest educational experience possible for every person involved.
- We believe that a rich educational experience means more than good standardized test scores; it means preparing productive citizens to live successful lives. We endeavor to serve WMRHS from a “big picture” perspective, knowing that a strategic impact upon a student in High School can affect generations to come.
- We believe that healthier, happier homes create healthier, happier students, which in turn create a healthier, happier learning environment. We seek, therefore, to promote the well-being of each student AND his/her family in a holistic fashion, not just academically.
- We believe that when teachers, faculty, and administrators have access to demonstrated/consistent resources, appreciation, and support, they have greater liberty to do what they do best: *educate children*. It is the intention of the RNP to help provide these to all of the WMRHS staff.
- We believe that the success of any student begins with parents/guardians who have the will, the skill, and the resources to educate their child from birth through life. We know that nearly all parents have the desire for their children to succeed in school. Our desire, therefore, is to support parents in developing the skills and identifying the resources to meet that objective.

## YEAR ONE, PHASE ONE OBJECTIVES

We have many great things planned for WMRHS through the RNP. Due to the uncertainty regarding the fate of the school, we were not able to get a confirmed partnership agreement in place until very late in the Summer 2011. This, and getting our mentors, volunteers, and tutors certified has put us months behind our original schedule. We are working quickly to get things in place for the 2012-2013 year. Our Phase One Objectives are what we intend to initiate between now and Summer 2012.

### 1. FULL-TIME, DEDICATED STAFF ONSITE AT WMRHS

The RNP will provide dedicated Partnership Coordination Staff onsite at the school to not only liaise with WMRHS faculty/ students about their pressing needs, but to serve as a portal for community volunteers and business partners to connect with the school.

### 2. TRAIN AND CERTIFY 100+ MENTORS FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The RNP will provide trained and background-cleared volunteers to assist students and their families as mentors, classroom assistants, logistical support personnel, etc.

### 3. HUNGER-FREE SCHOOL

Our objective is to establish WMRHS as an outpost for our *Hunger-Free City* initiative. We want to ensure that every family in *The Raines Nation* is provided with the dignity of essential food and resources. We have an established network of resources to help ensure that every household within *The Raines Nation* is hunger-free.

### 4. PROJECT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

The RNP will provide on-going resources and support for school improvement projects as determined by the Principal and faculty. In addition, we will seek to assist in addressing any shortfall in classroom/school resource needs.

### 5. STUDENT CHARACTER TRAINING AND LIFE-SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The RNP will seek to enrich the lives of students through small group instruction, mentoring, and strategic discovery programs. The planned curriculum includes:

- › FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND WEALTH CREATION
- › RELATIONSHIP SELECTION AND NAVIGATION
- › WORK ETHIC AND PRODUCTIVITY
- › DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION
- › EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT
- › BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND INVESTMENT
- › STRENGTHS IDENTIFICATION AND MASTERY
- › PERSONAL DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT
- › HOME AND FAMILY STRATEGIES
- › AND MORE!