



***Collection Dates:  
3 Sundays ONLY, August 5, 12 & 19***

**Back-to-School Wishlist**

150+ of each of the following:

Backpacks, notebooks, folders, writing utensils, utensil pouches, crayons & colored pencils, rulers, simple calculators, glue, scissors, art smocks.

**Educational Wishlist**

**For RISE afterschool programming for all ages.**

Notebooks, folders, writing utensils, crayons & colored pencils, washable markers, rulers, simple calculators, glue, scissors, wipe boards.

**Snacks**

Non-perishable bulk snacks: i.e. pretzels, goldfish, fruit snacks, applesauce, etc.

**Craft Supplies**

Construction & poster papers, cloths & other textured/craft supplies, water color paints, chalks, sketchbooks, pipe cleaners, glue and pompoms.

**Games/Toys**

2+ of each of these: Connect Four, Quick Flip, Sequence, Rat-a-tat-Cat, Rolling America, Loot, Trouble, Sorry, Legos.

**Cooking Supplies**

Cookie sheets, spatulas, cooling racks, pan, pot, flour, salt, pepper, sugar, baking soda.

**Gift Cards**

Sam's Club, Wegmans, Price Chopper, Walmart, Target, Staples, Office Depot, Michaels.

**Miscellaneous Classroom Needs**

Colorful Expo markers, large Post-It notes, electric pencil sharpener, clocks, whiteboard paint.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Refugee and Immigrant Self- Empowerment (RISE) is to advocate and promote self-sufficiency through employment, education, social support and economic independence for members of the refugee and immigrant communities in Onondaga County, NY.

**Vision**

All refugees and immigrants are empowered to become economically independent and productive members of society who enrich their new community while maintaining their cultural identity.

**Value**

- Respect
- Inclusiveness
- Collaboration
- Integrity

**History**

RISE was founded in 2004 by a group of refugees that came from Somalia with the aim of helping their community to adjust and assimilate into American society. With the influx of refugees coming from different countries all over the world, RISE recognized these changing demographics and adapted itself to a quickly changing set of needs. Over the last 3 years, RISE has transformed into an immensely diverse and inclusive organization; our services are open to refugees and immigrants from across the world.

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