

# RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW



 **Christ's Church** of Oronogo  
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# ABOUT RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW

## WHAT:

Right Here Right Now exists to share the love and hope of Jesus with our local community by encouraging Christ's Church attenders to invest in the lives of their friends, family, neighbors and co-workers by letting us know when a need arises.

## WHY:

In the same way Peter and John directed their gaze at the lame man in Acts 3, we believe God is calling us to direct our gaze at our local community and intentionally seek out ways to share the gospel by meeting the physical needs of those around us.

## HOW:

We ask every person attending Christ's Church services to give \$1 in addition to their regular tithe every week for every member of their family. All \$1 bills collected, and any additional money designated by the giver, goes to the Right Here Right Now fund.

We find out about the needs by asking the people of our church to be aware of situations around them with their neighbors, co-workers, friends, family members, etc. When they find out about a financial need, they can submit a Right Here Right Now request either online or by a paper form available in our main lobby.

Every request collected throughout the week goes to the Right Here Right Now committee at the beginning of each week. The committee considers and prays over each request, asking God to give them wisdom on how to best meet each need. The committee's feedback is collected and final decisions are made. The requesters are contacted and told whether or not we will be able to meet the needs. Checks are written or gift cards are purchased and the requester schedules a time to pick those up from the church. They are then delivered to the person in need of assistance by the requester, never by anyone else.

We encourage and empower the requesters to share the love of Jesus with that person in whatever way they see fit. Sometimes it is encouraging a believer in their faith and reminding them that God has not abandoned them, sometimes it's sharing the gospel for the first time with that person and letting them know that not only is there a church of people that loves them but there is a God who loves them too.

# TIER 1

This tier is made up of requests submitted by an attender of Christ's Church, either for themselves or another attender.

1. A request form is filled out for the person with a need, either for themselves or another attender of Christ's Church.
2. The request goes to the Right Here Right Now Minister who follows up with them if there are any questions about the need.
3. The request then goes to the committee at the beginning of the following week.
4. The requester is contacted with an update mid-week.
5. If we are able to meet the need, the requester schedules a time to pick up the check or gift card from the church.

# TIER 2

This tier is made up of requests submitted by an attender of Christ's Church for someone who does not attend Christ's Church. All communication is done through the requester. We believe very deeply in deepening the requester's relationship with the person that has a need. The Right Here Right Now Minister will not communicate directly with the person that has a need.

1. A request form is filled out for the person with a need by the attender of Christ's Church.
2. The request goes to the Right Here Right Now Minister who follows up with them if there are any questions about the need.
3. The request then goes to the committee at the beginning of the following week.
4. The requester is contacted with an update mid-week.
5. If we are able to meet the need, the requester schedules a time to pick up the check or gift card to deliver to the person with a need. The requester is responsible for having a gospel-centered conversation with the recipient and continuing to develop the relationship.

## TIER 3

This tier is made up of requests by someone who does not attend Christ's Church. These are people who call or stop by the church, usually referred to us by a friend, local non-profit or government agency.

1. Requesters must set up a face-to-face meeting with the Right Here Right Now Minister. The goal of this meeting is to connect with them on a more personal level, learn their story and discover the way to best help them.
2. A more extensive request form is filled out and a budget is discussed with the Right Here Right Now Minister.
3. We pray with them and try to connect them with different ministries at Christ's Church and in the community (ex. Redemption Recovery, Mom's Connection, Divorce Care, Pastoral Care Team, Haven Counseling, etc).
4. The request goes to the committee at the beginning of the following week.
5. The requester is contacted with an update mid-week. During this conversation, we again try to connect them with a ministry or person who can walk alongside them during their time of crisis.
6. If we are able to meet the need, the requester schedules a time to pick up the check or gift card.



# FAQS

## **DO YOU EVER HAND OUT CASH?**

No. We write checks directly to the company they need to pay (utility, landlord, etc). We offer gift cards to some families when they are in need of gas, groceries, etc.

## **DO YOU SPEND EVERY \$1 BILL YOU GET EACH WEEK?**

That is the goal. We typically have more requests come in than we have funds, but sometimes expenses end up being less than originally thought or the need is met another way, which can lead to a small surplus.

## **DO YOU FACILITATE PROJECTS THROUGH YOUR CHURCH?**

Yes. We recruit volunteers from within our church for smaller projects like lawn care, moving and minor home repairs. We partner with local non-profits or businesses for larger home and car repair projects.

## **DO YOU PARTNER WITH OTHER CHURCHES?**

Yes. If a request is received for someone attending another church, the goal is to partner with the home church in whatever way possible. If the church is unable to provide financial assistance, we partner with the church financially while they provide spiritual and emotional support since they are already connected with them.

## **HOW DO YOU KNOW IF SOMEONE IS RECEIVING HELP FROM MULTIPLE PLACES?**

We use a program called Charity Tracker that connects churches and non-profits in the Joplin community. We are able to see the assistance people receive from each agency. It helps us know when it is a chronic situation or a crisis situation so we can figure out the best way to assist in the situation.

## **CAN PEOPLE RECEIVE HELP MORE THAN ONCE?**

Yes. We know every situation is different so we don't have many hard and fast rules. Some people need help once to get on their feet, while others may need it a couple times. We look at every request individually and trust the committee's judgment in each situation.

## **IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T HELP WITH?**

We do not help with college tuition or legal fees. We are open to helping with any essential need.

## **WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE LOOK LIKE?**

The committee consists of 6-8 people of various ages, family backgrounds and demographics. They all love Jesus and commit to praying daily about the decisions they are making.

## **WHAT DO YOU USE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE REQUESTS?**

We use Airtable.com and have developed custom filtering and views for our purposes.