



# E A G L E S N E S T

## Eagles

Nest is an after school tutoring ministry that seeks to love and empower children from the Oak Creek Village Apartment Community by teaching basic reading skills, helping with homework, and building positive relationships between volunteers, students and their families.

EN is part of a larger ministry called the Oak Creek Initiative. This is a partnership of churches and community members who feel passionately about loving and serving the people of Oak Creek Village in practical ways and intentionally developing relationships of love and respect. The churches currently include All Saints Church, Chapel

## BASICS

- Eagles Nest meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 - 6 p.m. at All Saints Church (4310 Garrett Road) which is located adjacent to Oak Creek Village.
- Eagles Nest serves approximately fifteen second and third graders from Creekside Elementary who are in need of reading and writing help. ESL teachers from the school refer potential students and these students are invited to participate in the program for the entire semester.
- Volunteers work one-on-one with students in order to build positive relationships that lead to successful learning.
- Eagles Nest plans and hosts family nights in order to celebrate the students and build relationships with families.
- Our goal is to build long-term, trusting relationships with families in Oak Creek Village and to create other ministries as we learn more from our developing relationships.

Hill Bible Church, Church of the Good Shepherd and The Gathering Church.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers come from the participating churches, the community, local universities and Creekside Elementary staff. All volunteers must pass a background check and undergo tutor training. Due to the high value on the tutor-student relationship Eagles Nest volunteers must commit for the entire semester to tutoring either two days a week or one day a week for an entire semester. Other opportunities are available as well. There are needs for prayer partners, substitute tutors, and volunteers to plan and host periodic family events. Consider volunteering!

## HISTORY

Eagles Nest began in 2005 as an after school tutoring program serving Oak Creek Village students attending Creekside Elementary in Durham, North Carolina. It met at Creekside after school and was very successful. A major barrier, however, for participation in EN, has always been transportation. Too many students in need of EN were not able to participate because transportation from school to home was not available. Moving EN to All Saints Church will allow volunteers to meet students when they get off their bus and walk them to the church building. The location is also much more hospitable to parental involvement.

## FUNDS

Funding for Eagles Nest will be generated from the churches involved, local service organizations, and private donors. All donations will be going through the All Saints Church's financial structures. Donations to Eagles Nest are tax deductible.

## OVERSIGHT

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## **Eagles Nest Oversight Team**

- There is an oversight team made up of pastors, ESL teachers, and volunteers who oversee the mission, vision, implementation, and assessment of Eagles Nest.

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Molly Purgason Teacher, Montessori Community School  
Thomas Kortus Pastor of Youth and Outreach, All Saints Church  
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