



916 Lamond Ave.  
Durham, NC 27701  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Year, 2011-2012

**Welcome to The Reality Center!** We are glad your child has recently visited our community center. We are located on the corner of Gregson and Lamond Ave., directly across the street from Durham School of the Arts.

The RC is owned and operated by Reality Ministries Incorporated, an independent, non-profit ministry. We are governed by a Board comprised of local civic and religious leaders, but we are not a church, nor are we connected to any denomination. Please visit our website at [www.realityministriesinc.org](http://www.realityministriesinc.org) for more information. Or, better yet, please feel free to drop by any time, tour the facility and meet our on-site staff.

We call our community center *The Reality Center* because we want this place to be a safe and positive environment where, in spoken and unspoken ways, the young people of Durham can know that the deepest Reality of their lives is God's love for them.

The RC is open to adolescents of all faiths and belief systems, and so discrimination based on gender, race or religion will not be tolerated at any time.

To enter our facility for the first time, your child was asked to complete a registration form with basic information, including an emergency contact number. And now that this data sheet for your child is on file, s/he will only need to provide for us your signed Parent/Guardian Consent Form in order to enjoy our facility. For security purposes, the Lamond Ave. door is the only entrance/exit to the Center. Also, we encourage students to use our lockable storage units for valuables such as wallets, ipods, cell phones, etc.

The RC's after school program is open from 3:45-6:00 pm on school days in accordance with the Durham Public School schedule. We offer informal time and space for recreation and healthy socializing, as well as more formal opportunities for enrichment, including free tutoring, individual mentoring, and a variety of special interest small groups.

Your child will be supervised in the Center by trained volunteers and full-time staff during the hours of operation. At 6:00 pm, we will need to close the doors and ask students to vacate the building. Reality Ministries does not accept responsibility for children who are walking home, waiting for rides, or who for any reason are loitering outside the RC after closing time.

Upon registration, your child agreed to follow our Code of Conduct, a copy of which is in this packet. To promote a positive experience for all of our young people, the Reality staff reserves the right to escort any student out of the building who does not conform to our expectations as outlined in the Code. Also, please note that Reality Ministries will not be liable for any accident or injury which may occur on the premises. We thank you for your support, encouragement and partnership.

All the best,  
Steve Larson  
Reality Center Coordinator