

Dear friends of RISE,

We have a question for you. Do you remember when you hit your teenage “era?” Maybe you have vivid memories of your 13th birthday party, awkward school dances, braces, acne or the emotional rollercoaster that is puberty. You may also think, “Thanks, but no thanks, I have no interest in remembering those years!”



We’re thinking a lot about teenager-ish things because the RISE community just turned 13! That’s right, we’re officially a teenager now! We celebrated in style and embraced our teenage era with ... (what else) ... **a Taylor Swift birthday party!** We had a great time with a photobooth, a gorgeous cake, a friendship bracelet station (that’s a Swifty thing) and some gorgeous T. Swift decor. We laughed, we sang, we remembered, and we gave thanks for our journey of ups and downs. We had all the feels. We’ve learned and grown a lot!



Like many teenagers, we’re full of big dreams and ideas. We’re becoming clearer about our unique calling to offer safe and healing space for college students, young adults and others who’ve experienced trauma. Many are battling depression, anxiety and loneliness; they’re longing for authentic connection. We believe that RISE is uniquely positioned to come alongside these persons and embody God’s hope. Check out our social media accounts and website to learn more about the ways we’re living into this calling.



Now we’re gonna do something that feels very “teenager-ish” - we’re gonna ask for money. 😊 We need your financial support to create a warm and welcoming environment at our weekly worship gatherings. Your support will help us offer outreach opportunities, implement mission events, launch a new podcast, reach more people using virtual platforms, pay our staff and cover administrative expenses. (We’re probably the only teenager who has to pay liability insurance).

The great theologian Taylor Swift once said, “I don’t want to dance if I’m not dancing with you.” We think of you as our dancing partner, and we don’t want to - and can’t - fully embody our purpose and calling without you. We need your support and partnership. We know this *all too well*.

*(Yes, that last part was a little dramatic, but we’re a teenager after all.)*







***So please consider a one time gift of \$100 as a “happy 13th birthday” gift to RISE.***  
(We also deeply appreciate recurring donations that help us plan and budget more effectively!)

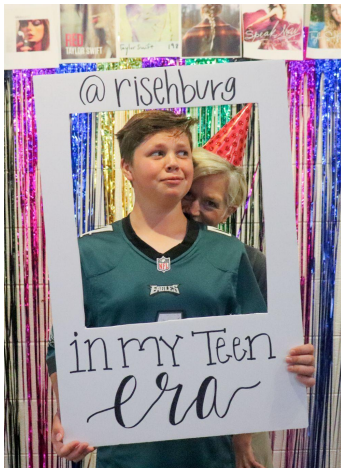
And feel free to contact us with any questions about how to give to RISE.

We'd also love to see you at a worship gathering sometime (whether virtually or in person)!

We'll make sure to give you a friendship bracelet!

You are a gift!

With love,



Checks can be sent to:  
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