

Reading Is Fundamental
5408 Westminster-Building 9, Austin 78723
E:mail - admin@austinrif.org
Capital Metro Bus Route #300

www.rifaustin.org
Telephone: 472.1791
Fax: 927.9366

Background & Mission: Twenty eight year old chapter of group started by Margaret McNamara, a member of United Methodist Women in Washington DC. Ensures low income children grow up with books in their homes, so as to motivate them to become lifelong readers. Provides *three free* books yearly to over 25,000 children in Austin area because studies show that book ownership is major predictor for success in school.

Contact Name: Paul Andrews
Telephone: 472.2627

Title: Maplewood parent
E:mail - Paul.Andrews@juno.com

Contact Name: Jeanne Arbuckle
Telephone: 477.2684

Title: Maplewood parent
E:mail - katenate@grandecom.net

Contact Name: Kim Gutierrez
Telephone: Extension 14

Title: Program Director
E:mail - kgutierrez@rifaustin.org

Opportunities:

- Reader during RIF Days held twice annually for Maplewood students at their school

Events:

January - fundraising letter
Spring - RIF Day at elementary school
Fall - RIF Day at elementary school

Donations - Monetary & InKind:

Check payable to: RIF of Austin
Send to: PO Box 684794, Austin, Texas, 78768

Companies/Employers Matching Funds: not applicable

Online donations: not applicable

Vehicle donations: not applicable

Wish List: More economical to donate money to RIF so it can make special purchases of books on approved books list, including classics such as Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, and C.S. Lewis' *Narnia* series as well as favorites like *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and the *Hank the Cowdog* series by John Erikson.