



Scholarships, Opportunities & Access in Racine

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**MISSION**

*SOAR is committed to providing opportunities for excellent education through scholarships awarded to families with limited financial resources in the Greater Racine Area.*

Racine Public Works and Services Commission  
c/o Nancy Payne  
Racine City Hall  
730 Washington Ave  
Racine WI 53403

Dear Commissioners:

SOAR of Racine is a 501c3 charitable organization working to expand educational opportunities for Racine children in poverty. SOAR is in its second year and has 90 students on the waiting list hoping to enter our program and attend one of our 10 partner schools.

Gateway Technical College is one of our partners. Ray Koukari, dean of students at the Racine campus, is one of our board members.

As a way to make SOAR more visible in the community, raise money for the organization and offer families a fun way to spend the last weekend of the summer and gather information to help their children have a great school year, SOAR has created the Back-to-School Carnival. Since we have no site of our own, we approached Gateway Technical College, with its perfect location on the lakefront, to be a partner in this carnival project. They were eager to join us.

The Carnival will have amusement rides, carnival games, an Information Zone with programs and services for students and families offered by other nonprofits and businesses, food and an Education/Entertainment Tent..

The Carnival will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 & 29, 2010 on the parking lot at 800 Pershing Park Dr. in the first two lot sections just north of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

If all goes as we hope, we would like to make this an annual event to kick off the new school year.

Please let me know if there is any other information you need.

Sincerely,

Laura Sumner Coon  
Executive Director