

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Happy Summer! We are delighted that the House is full of children and families sharing their experiences, including some fun ones organized by our staff, the House Operations Committee and other Volunteers. It is so wonderful to see the smiles.

While the summer activities are limited for those undergoing treatment, that doesn't mean they can't have fun. Thanks to all who are bringing, and continue to bring, those smiles.



A BIG thank you to the Bayou Vista Golf tournament!! Once again they sponsored a charity tournament for our House. They presented us with a check and we are so thankful. We really couldn't do what we do without these donations. You guys Rock!!



This is Ella Stockton, a former patient and guest at our House. She is now giving back, volunteering to do art projects with the families. So many of our Alumni children and families remember with fondness their stays here. If you want to volunteer, please reach out to Glenda to get signed up. We have needs for lots of things to be done around the house. glenda@rmhg.org. Thanks, Ella!

Happy Birthday

August 8, John Brick
August 11, Jesse Rubio
August 22, Shirley Jahn
September 8, John Beatty
September 27, Merissa Salas



Happy Birthday, Fernanda! Fernanda is now 22, and she is the caretaker for her younger sister Estefania. Fernanda is not only her sister's caregiver but also her biggest supporter. This is their 10th visit to RMHG and everyone helped her celebrate. Who doesn't love a birthday party? Our children and families, do! Especially those that are away from home during their special day. Our staff and volunteers always step up to make their day fun. A special thank you to Raquel Hernandez who owns Rigo's Cafe in Texas City. She donates the cakes for our patients' birthdays, and the cakes are super delicious.



It was also Estefania's birthday this month – she's now a teenager at 13! Families gathered to sing Happy Birthday and enjoy some delicious cake together – it was a sweet and joyful moment for everyone!



They are raucous, they are fun and everyone's a winner when our House Operations Committee hosts a bingo, pizza and ice cream party. The families always have a great time! We love to get everyone together and have fun. Thanks to Paula, Laurel, Lidia and their helpers!



Happy Birthday to Ivan! Our Daisy made a special tres leche cake for him, because you can never have too much cake! It was a night filled with lots of fun, love and laughter.



These wonderful young ladies are nurses from UTMB and members of Tiny Toes, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students interested in neonatal and pediatric care through volunteer work and educational opportunities. They recently visited to host a fun and heartwarming ice cream gathering, which the kids absolutely loved! We're so grateful for their time, kindness, and the joy they brought to our families.





The House Operations Committee also hosted a movie night, showing Inside Out 2. Our teacher, Lidia, made a lesson out of it as each child drew a character from the movie. Who knew learning could be so much fun?



McDonald's and their employees do so very much for our House. A heartfelt thank you to the McDonald's McKinney group for bringing dinner to our families! They treated us to a delicious spread of Mexican food and desserts for everyone to enjoy. We are so grateful for the food—and the love—you shared with us! McDonald's Lucero also brought a family dinner. We are so grateful for all our McDonald's family does for us.

And a reminder to all of you, when you go to McDonald's be sure to "round up" your bill. Those pennies are a huge boon to our income. Thank you to all who do!



Cosmic Cookers, Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore sisters, Temple Emmanuel Christian Church, the Galveston Rotary Club, The First Baptist Church, Jan and John Brick, Ruth and Marshall Yost, Southwest Airlines employees, Layers of Love, Amanda NCL, Vera Carmona, Jay Raj, Da Krewe du Roux and Helen and Gayle King all delighted our families with hot and tasty communal dinners. Thanks!



After a 6-month stay at our House, Luis and his dad are going home to Bolivia. Now 13, Luis has had a long recovery from a very serious accident that happened when he was seven. We will miss Luis a lot; he's been part of our House's heart this past six months. While celebrating his return home, it's a bittersweet parting for us. We're so happy he'll be able to spend time with his whole family and friends again. We wish him well as his recovery continues.

Most Wanted

It's that time of year again when school supplies are on sale. Please help our children by donating some of these goodies to the House. Every child leaves the House with a backpack filled with learning supplies. Thanks for your consideration! Items can be dropped off curbside between 9 and 6. Call ahead to let us know you are coming. (409) 762-8770

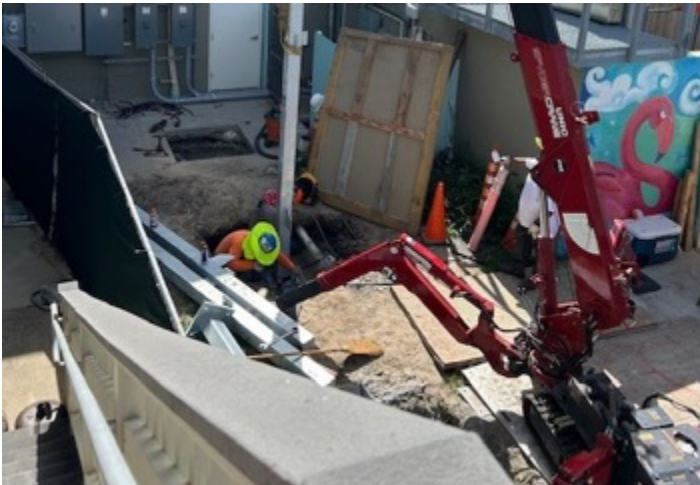


August

Happy Volunteer Anniversary



Roxanne Harrison – 1 year
 Beverly LaRock – 1 year
 Kimberly Ann Lyke – 1 year
 Stacey Rubio – 6 years
 John Brick – 7 years
 Gloria Appell – 13 years



What is this mess? It's the construction of a whole house generator. Electric outages, hurricanes, freezes, blown transformers? We'll be prepared! Thanks to all the people and entities responsible for this effort to keep our families safe and comfortable.

Upcoming Event

October 26, 2025 – Family Fun Event

Save the Date – Become a Sponsor



Save The Date!



It's a blast. It's rides. It's arcade games. It's prizes. It's food. It's drinks. It's the joy on children's faces (children of ALL ages). It's the memories of families celebrating together. It's a chance to wear Halloween costumes (only if you want). It's a great way of giving back while having a great time. It's all included. It's our major fundraiser of the year,

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the Family Fun Event at the Galveston Historic Pleasure Pier. We're now accepting sponsorships. It's our sponsors who make this such a success for providing the funds that make the lives of seriously ill children and their families better. We hope that YOU will consider being a sponsor. You'll be so glad you did! To register your sponsorship and for more information call the House. (409) 762-8770



Happy Labor Day

However you choose to celebrate, have a happy and safe August, Labor Day and fall season. And thanks to you all for your support!

