

## HOUSE HAPPENINGS

*A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family*



Happy 4<sup>th</sup>! And happy July. It's been sizzling hot, and there's good news and bad news at the House. Our children have been delighting in our new playground. It's such a joy to see the smiles on their faces! We've been given authority to open to more families now, and we're looking forward to filling more of our rooms. We currently have

children from Mexico, Panama and the U.S., with ages ranging from a few weeks to 17. Unfortunately, we've had a recurrence of Covid, so we are currently unable to have volunteers and other non-essential staff inside the House. (But we gladly welcome your drop-offs of food and donations.) The good news is that Bill Peterek with Gulf Side Cleaning immediately sent his staff to fumigate the 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the schoolroom. He truly goes out of his way for the safety of the children. If you see Ben or Heather please let them know how grateful we are for all they do for us. Dr. Kaiser and UTMB have also given us their support during this time; thankfully their testing showed that the parents and other staff are all negative for Covid. And, as always, our wonderful staff is keeping things clean and safe.

### Around the House



Our families were treated to yummy meals in June from Vera Carmona, Cosmic Cookers, Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, Pat Lanier & Bill Posnick, Maryellen LeDuc, the Galveston Rotary Club, the

Galveston Home Depot, the Heart of Refuge, the First Baptist Church, McDonald's Dennis & April Darling, John & Jan Brick and Mike McNamara. Natalie Hodge donated the beautiful wreath pictured above and decorated the House for the summer. We've received very generous donations from the State Employees Capital Campaign, RMH Charities, Da Krewe Du Roux, Dutch Kueteman and the Hodges and their Public Jesters Boot camp. The Galveston Junior League collected Spanish books, board games and puzzles. Anne Murray's daughter Laura donated new clothing and shoes for one of our 10-year old girls from Panama. And our families loved the Girl Scouts who brought them cookies!

### School Time!



Our schoolroom has been beautifully refurbished after last year's flooding damage. Jodie Trncak, with the support of her Alpha Delta Pi sisters, spent hours and hours sorting through and organizing books and supplies, as well as ordering, assembling and arranging new furniture and supplies. The Covid protocols have been rolled back enough that we can reopen it to our children and families, and we are delighted to welcome back Lydia Polio, our beloved teacher. We opened the schoolroom on Monday, June 20th and the children love it.



Four-year old Daylin Cagel is pictured here drawing and reading in the schoolroom. When other kids say things are too hard, Daylin tells them, "You Can Do It"! What a great lesson for us all.

Lucy Terrell, Jodie Trncak's granddaughter, came to the House to help add butterflies to the classroom décor. She also volunteered to lead an art project for the kids. They had so much fun creating the most beautiful butterflies!





# JULY

## Our New Classroom

July 2022



## Upcoming Events

**Fun Family Event:** Instead of having a fundraising gala as previously announced, plans are underway for a very fun family fundraising event. Tentative date is October 30. We're very happy to welcome Michelle Edgerly as chairman of the event. Details soon!

**Suds and Cereal Run:** After a Covid hiatus, we're looking forward to a 2022 event on November 12. Mark your calendars, to join in the fun as the Houston Jeep Club parades to the House with their always very generous donations.

**Volunteer Orientation:** Janie Puentes is planning sessions for new volunteers. If you know of anyone interested, it's a very rewarding experience. Janie can be contacted at [Janie@rmhg.org](mailto:Janie@rmhg.org).

Please note our telephone extensions have changed. Our number is now (409) 762-8770 ext. 280 (8 AM - 10 PM) and ext. 281 (10 PM - 8 AM).

## Children's Wishes

We are so thankful for your donations that make such a difference in the lives of our children and families. Here's our Children's Summer Wish List:

- ♥ Bicycle Helmets (2 small, 2 medium, 2 large)
- ♥ Girls Tennis Shoes (sizes 5-7, preteen)
- ♥ Denim jeggings (sizes 12/16, preteen)
- ♥ Blouses (sizes 6/8, 10/12, 14/16 and 18)
- ♥ Training bras (sizes 10-16)
- ♥ Boys tennis shoes (sizes 6-8)
- ♥ Boys shorts (10/12, 14/16, 18)
- ♥ Teens t-shirts and underwear (m-xl)
- ♥ Teens (Men's) tennis shoes (7-8.5)
- ♥ Teens shorts (m-l)

Items can be dropped off at the House between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. For more info, call (409) 762-8770 ext. 280. Call when you get there, and we'll come out and unload the items. Thanks in advance!

