



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



We give thanks! To you, our loyal supporters. To our loving volunteers. To our caring and loyal staff. Ours is truly the House that Love Built®, thanks to all of you. We now have 15 families staying at the House, and expect to be up to our full contingent of 19 families soon. We're so thankful things are starting to get back to normal, and we can provide the care so desperately needed by the children and their families.



Volunteer & Staff News



During Covid, our staff was overworked. Some of our volunteers have come back and are making a huge difference. And we're delighted to welcome some new volunteers. Liz White is a senior at O'Connell High School. She has volunteered at the Galveston Food Bank and the Children's Festival, and will be volunteering at the House after school on Thursdays. She loves computers, reading, cooking and art. Art Ramos will be volunteering Tuesday mornings, and Laurel Sukel is manning the volunteer desk on Thursday mornings.

Welcome to Fatima Iglesias, who joins us as a new weekend assistant staff member. Fatima is a student at the College of the Mainland.

Happy Volunteer Anniversary

Shirley Jahn - 24 years

Rachel Hernandez - 18 years

Happy Birthday

Nov 14 - Stacey Rubio

Nov 20 - Rachel Hernandez



Around the House

Our loyal culinary providers delivered a total of 23 meals for our families in October. The families continuously tell us how much they love coming back to the House from the hospital for a hot meal. Many thanks to the Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sister's, Drs. Pat Lanier & Bill Posnick, Maryellen Leduc, Harvest Church, Vera Carmona, the Cosmic Cookers, the First Baptist Church, the Flores Family McDonald's Restaurant, Dennis & April Darling McDonald's, the Galveston Rotary Club, the Galveston Home Depot, the Heart Of Refuge Church, John & Jan Brick, the Trailblazers 4-H, Mike Robertson, the Harvest Church, the First Baptist Church, the Galveston Lions Club, and the South East Fishing Club. Some of these meals are homemade and dropped off, others are delivered from restaurants, and at least one was a barbeque outside of the House. If you'd like to donate a meal, contact Janie@rmhg.org.

Camilo Reyes of the UTMB Galveston Lab led a drive for water and other wish list goods for the House. Amazon hou8_missouricity brought us some things from our wish list. Tom Lewis (our amazing volunteer) and Rebecca Diaz (our fantastic weekend manager) accepted a big donation from Mike Robertson and Lisa Baker from Houston Big Game Fishing Club.

Our personal shoppers collect groceries for the families every week. Juan Pena delivers food bi-monthly collected at our local food bank.



Jerry and Winkie Mohn provided lunch for our October Board Meeting. Maryellen LeDuc gave a presentation on the House at the Houston Big Game Club Fall Mixer. Our sincere thanks to all.





We will soon be unveiling a newly updated teen room. The Galveston Rotary Club generously donated a new TV, new rugs, and re-felted the pool table. Scott Blair, Carlos and Sergio from CertaPro did a beautiful paint job. Paul Prater, the manager of Sherwin Williams donated the paint. Ann Blanchard made a generous donation toward decorations for the room. And Paula Roberts and Pat Lanier used their talents to bring everything and everyone together in designing and overseeing the project. Stay tuned!



Fun Family Event - Not Your Usual Gala



The sun smiled on our Family Fun Event at the Galveston Historic Pleasure Pier. It was a beautiful, very fun afternoon enjoyed by all. The committee made a heroic team effort for it to all come together. We honored McDonald's Owners of Greater Houston who are vital to our House, supporting us in very many ways. We are very grateful to all the sponsors of the event. Thanks to Michelle Byrd who came up with the novel idea and chaired the event, to Fundraising VP Dixie Messner who oversaw the committee in many ways, and to committee members April and Dennis Darling, Helen King, Maryellen LeDuc, Anne Murray, Heather Peterek, Janice Pierson, Marie Robb, Fredell Rosen, Jenny Senter, Cynthia Smith, Lindsay Touchy and the other committee members who pitched in to help with the myriad details that needed to be addressed. Thank you Deputy Darren Allen, Deputy Jason Lewis, Deputy Rusty Mayfield, and Lieutenant Juan Peña for volunteering! Special thanks to Debbie James for helping through the legal and insurance ramifications, to Charlie Dreyfus for the printing, and to staff members Jessica Sanchez for the social media publicity and face-painting during the event, Lucy Bourgeois for all the bookkeeping and paperwork, and Margie Chavarria for working with Global Charities to make sure everything was done correctly and who tirelessly helped with so many of the details.



Drumroll Please - The Winners Are:

Maryellen LeDuc won the phone auction for the Southwest Airline tickets (thanks to SW Air!), and Ruth Yost won the Golf Cart raffle (a HUGE thanks to Laura Moore and Don Sanders). And thanks to all who participated.

Upcoming Events

November 7 - Teen Room Dedication at 2:00.

November 12 - Suds and Cereal Run at 10:15ish. This is so much fun as a parade of the Houston Jeep Club delivers an abundance of goodies that our families use and enjoy all year. Come and see the parade and cheer on those who bring us a year's worth of cereal and laundry detergent.

Holiday Gift Giving Time

Stymied about what would be a meaningful gift for those special some ones? What better gift for the person who has everything than a paving brick in our Pathway to Fun? See the flyer attached to this e-mail for more information.



Most Wanted

Our Weekly Wish list is now on our Facebook page every Wednesday. #WednesdayWishList. Some of our most pressing needs now are:

- Cooking oil
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced Bread
- Butter
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Ajax Blue Powder
- Fabuloso Disinfectant Floor Cleaner
- Non-latex Gloves Size XL

You can drop these (and other items) off at the House, and we'll come out to your car. Call to let us know you're coming; 409-762-8770 ext. 280. Delivery Hours - 9am-6pm.

We wish all of you and your loved ones the happiest Thanksgiving. We hope you can enjoy the company of all once again.

