



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Valentine's Day is a special day at the House that Love Built. It is you, our Ronald McDonald House Galveston Family members, who continuously lay that brickwork of love through your activities and gifts. Our children and families are surrounded by that love as they undergo

their treatments, making those treatments more effective. Thanks for being our Valentines! It's been very busy at our House this month with all our rooms filled. Unfortunately we are not through with Covid yet, with some staff and children testing positive. We are therefore limiting some activities and taking precautions in our efforts to keep the children as safe as possible. Our prayers are with those who have been infected. Please be careful out there.

Happy Birthday

- 2/4-Cynthia Tarr
- 2/13-Dave Lewis
- 2/28-Kayle Rodriguez
- 2/21-Janie Puentes



January Happenings

The Grand 1894 Opera House treated our families to a bilingual children's theatre performance of Cenicienta/Cinderella. It was such a joy to attend live theatre in such a beautiful venue.



Santa gave our families stylish haircuts. Darrell Murrell of Home Depot came with building kits and Paula Friesner and Laurel Sukel made a very fun party out of it. Thanks to them and Pat Lanier, Paula Roberts, Juan Pena, and Natalie

Hodge for entertaining the kids, wrapping gifts, accepting donations, hosting Bingo, decorating the House for Mardi Gras and so many other activities.



The UTMB McGovern Osler Society Association made a check donation for the purchase of towels and linens. The Rider Family Fund made a very generous donation in honor of our new board member, Mandy Rider. John and Jan Brick and Roberto Iglesias also blessed us with large donations.

Laurel Sukel and Paula Friesner hosted a movie party outing at Diamond Beach Condos for five of our families. Thanks to Lidia Polio for choosing a video and driving the kids.



This is Abraham with Paula and Laurel. He is deaf, but really enjoyed the movie with subtitles. He was also very excited about getting a new leg.

Pat Lanier and Bill Posnick, Maryellen LeDuc, Cosmic Cookers, the Broadway Church of Christ, Mike Robertson, ALPA, the Temple Emmanuel Christian Church, the Galveston Rotary Club, United We Stand, the First Baptist Church,



the Layers of Love Foundation, The Brick Family, Vera Carmona, Ms. Cobb, Southwest Airlines Employees, Mike Robertson, El Nopalito Restaurant, and the Galveston Lions Club warmed our families' hearts and tummies with hot dinners in January.

We are delighted to welcome new board members Mandy Rider, Jordan Elton, (pictured), Angel Martinez and Katherine Hughes.



Cynthia McTigue McGowen of the Gleauxbe Trotters Funky Umbrella Krewe has also organized a fundraiser for our House. What fun ways to support us! Thanks to all.



Courir de Mardi Gras, or a Chicken Run

Da Krewe du Roux is one of our biggest supporters. Every year they start off Galveston's Mardi Gras festivities with a Ball and a Chicken Run, with proceeds going to our House and Shriners. The very fun party is based on an old Louisiana country tradition of collecting food from house to house for gumbo. Varying age groups chased after the chicken and all were treated to games and Zydeco music and a very delicious chicken and sausage gumbo prepared by the Krewe. The kids painted a house, and Lidia took several families. Because it was too dangerous for our kids to compete in the race, the Krewe presented them with special trophies and "introduced" them to the chicken. A huge "Merci" to the Krewe!



Wish List - Most Wanted Now

Non-perishable snacks - Capri Sun

Staff and Volunteer News

We are happy that longtime volunteer Meg Byars returned to the House after 3 months recovery time.

Our sincere condolences to Art Ramos on the loss of his brother Antonio, and to Alane Nuzum on the death of her sister. May they live forever in our hearts and memories.

Get well wishes and healing thoughts for Lucy Bourgeois, Dave Lewis, Margie Chavarria and Pat Lanier. We hope you will all be completely recovered very soon. Hugs to all.



Upcoming Event

You are invited to join us for a fun-filled afternoon

MAH JONGG

Benefitting the
Ronald McDonald House Galveston

Lunch and Desserts!

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Galveston Country Club

Price: \$75.00 per person

R.S.V.P. by March 1, 2024 to 409.762.8770 ext. 107

Come as a group or as an individual player

Don't Delay! Seating is Limited!



We are also holding a raffle for very cute his and hers scooters and a gift card tree. You can register for the Mah Jongg party and/or buy raffle tickets on-line at:

<https://ronaldmcdonaldhousegalveston.squarespace.com>

2024 RAFFLE

1st Drawing

HIS & HERS

WOLF ISLANDER - 50CC SCOOTERS

2nd Drawing

\$1,000 Gift Card Tree

Raffle Tickets \$25.00 each
or 5 for \$100.00.

Drawings March 20, 2024

