



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Happy April! Covid is being pushed aside by the sunshine and warmth of the season. Let us hope its shadow will soon disappear completely. Things are looking up at the House, as it is again filled with children

laughing, playing and healing. There are currently eight families, with kids ranging in age from 18 months to 18 years; they come from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama and the U.S. Work on finishing the playground and basement play area is progressing, however slowly. Long back-ordered furniture is now in place, removing the vestiges of last year's storm damage. Our beloved volunteers are coming back. In February, they contributed over 30 hours, bringing joy, comfort and peace to the House and some respite to our overworked staff. And we are finally able to plan some fundraising gatherings. May you, our Ronald McDonald Family and your loved ones, rejoice in the promise of spring and new beginnings.

March Happenings



Kayla Orton, Tina Gomez-Hearn and Kasey Drapela of SLSCO organized a holiday fundraising campaign for employees of the Sullivan Brothers Family of Companies. They presented us with a very LARGE check. Our thanks to all who contributed to making our kids and families days brighter.

March meals were provided by Maryellen Leduc, the Moore Sisters, Cosmic Cookers, Drs. Pat Lanier and Bill Posnick, the Barrows, Galveston Rotary Club, Galveston Home Depot, United We Stand, John and Jan Brick, Listen

to the Cries of Children and Paula Friesner. The Broadway Church of Christ brought breakfast every Sunday in March. Juan Pena delivers much-needed pantry items twice a month.

Thanks to Paula Roberts and all those who helped spruce up our House for Easter, and to Natalie Hodge who brought a gorgeous wreath and delightful decorations. They are a great enhancement to our replaced living room furniture.



Vendor Enterprises is continuing to send us a monthly donation from their bubble gum machines. May the bubbles delight you and us! York Construction Co varnished our front doors, and pleased our families with a brand new kitchen freezer.



In December, Communities In Schools of Galveston County and Rosenberg 4th grade girls delivered 100 pairs of gripper socks to our patients and parents. We are always happy to see such thoughtful kids helping kids.





Volunteer SPOTLIGHT



Carol Gomez

We welcome Carol as a new volunteer. She was born and raised in Houston, Texas, the eldest of three and first generation to attend college. She graduated from the University of Houston main campus with a Bachelors of Science in Biology, and is currently pursuing her Masters at the University of Houston. She is an In-person Medical Interpreter for Harris Health System at the Lyndon B. Johnson location.

In her spare time, Carol loves running, and is currently training for a half marathon. She also enjoys painting, pottery making, practicing Yoga and hiking.

She recently decided to volunteer at the RMHG due to her mission of helping the health and well being of children, and to obtain more experience working with pediatric patients and their families. She is working towards becoming a Pediatric Orthotist and Prosthetist (someone who fits and trains children with orthotic and prosthetic devices). She wants to work with children because she believes children are resilient and that even when going through hardship they still see the world with hopeful eyes. She says she is "thankful to the RMHG organization and their amazing staff that have allowed me to accomplish a goal of mine which is to help make someone's extremely difficult situation a little better with kindness and lots of laughter". And we are thankful for Carol's care and kindness!



Happy Volunteer Anniversary

- 9 years - Meg Byars
- 18 years - Joy Jordan

Happy Birthday

- April 18 - Henry Puentes
- April 22 - Barbara Carmona
- April 25 - Jessica Alonzo



Mahjongg Time!

It's been several years, but we will again celebrate fun, friendship and funds (and some REALLY great raffle items) at a Mahjongg gathering. Kendra Gives Back (Kendra Scott Jewelry) will also have a pop-up with partial proceeds benefitting the House. May 4th is the date. Galveston Country Club is the place. Make your reservations by April 25th to 409/762-8770 ext. 107. May the jokers be with you!

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

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Benefitting the
Ronald McDonald House Galveston

Lunch and Desserts!
Date: May 4, 2022
Time: 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Place: Galveston Country Club
Price: \$75.00 per person

R.S.V.P. by April 25, 2022 to
(409) 762-8770 ext. 107

Come as a group or as an individual player



Prayers and get-well wishes for Rachel Hernandez, Frances Estrada, Margie Ruiz, Donald Lewis and Jintana Palomo who are recovering from recent surgeries or illnesses. We hope your recoveries will be full and you'll soon be up and hopping.

Most Wanted

Our families love donated food. They tell us that being able to cook at the House makes it more like home. Some items on their current wish list:

- ♥ Ramen Noodles
- ♥ Frozen Pizza Pockets
- ♥ Hot Dogs
- ♥ Frozen Chicken Nuggets
- ♥ Tostadas
- ♥ Serrano Peppers
- ♥ Cooking Oil
- ♥ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers (any fresh produce)
- ♥ Apples, Bananas, Oranges (any fresh fruit)
- ♥ Maseca Corn Tortilla Flour
- ♥ Ice Cream Cups



For any donations, and to schedule meals, contact Janie Puentes at 409-762-8770 ext. 102 or janie@rmhg.org. Curbside deliveries are accepted 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

