

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



It's August! The dog days of summer are definitely here. We hope you are keeping cool and comfortable. We currently have 8 children staying at the House. They are finally enjoying the ability to socialize (at a correct distance, of course) in our common areas. The kids are availing themselves of the new playground shaded by the sails. They love spending time in the classroom with all the new books and supplies (and Lidia!). And we are loving our volunteers, staff and supporters who do so much for the families and children!



The Galveston Lions Club delivered hot dogs, chips, watermelon & beverages, traditional 4th of July fare so loved by our children and families!



Happy Birthday!

August 16 - Carol Gomez
August 27 - John Brick



Cruz Camargo celebrated his 8th birthday at the House.

Around the House

The Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, the Galveston Lions Club, Pat Lanier & Bill Posnick, Maryellen LeDuc, Vera Carmona, United We Stand, the First Baptist Church, McDonald's Dennis & April Darling, the Galveston Rotary Club, the Galveston Home Depot, John & Jan Brick, the National Charity League Space City, the Barrows, McDonald's Robert & Deanna Flores and the Broadway Church of Christ all delivered meals in July for the families, who so enjoy the yummy, comforting food after a day at the hospital.

It was Christmas in July! Eric Prince and the Sovereign United Supreme Council made a very large delivery of greatly appreciated goods.



Tuan Pham and Chris Doan from The Elizabeth Blackwell Student Society of the John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine delivered a generous donation of groceries, sunglasses, baseball hats, and sunscreen. Summertime fun for the families!



Happy Volunteer Anniversary

Gloria Appell - 10 years

Oh Boy, Oh Boy!

Meet the newest member of the Ronald McDonald House Galveston family, Anthony Alberdin Lima, born May 19 to our janitor Leonor. Our best blessings on this adorable little one and his family. Thanks to Dave Lewis who has stepped in during the maternity leave.



Welcome Jessica

Meet Jessica Sanchez, our new Data Specialist. Multi-talented Jessica comes with a background that should complement our office capabilities for years to come. We're looking forward to her helping us become more current with our databases and social media. A BOI (born on island), she graduated from Ball High School and Galveston College in Business Administration. She's been busy, doing face painting, airbrush and henna art for 10 years at an amusement park, and as a manager for 7 years. She's also worked as a receptionist at a retirement home and done commissions in digital and traditional art.



She grew up with her Mother, Cindy Ruelas and her Grandmother Maria "Cha Cha" Ruelas, who worked for many years at the Old Strand Emporium. As a child she loved spending weekends with her grandmother on the Strand. Her friends and family are the most important things to her, and she strongly believes in Mister Roger's mantra that we are all "unique but equal".

In her spare time, she loves to try new baking recipes. She credits her mother with teaching her baking skills. A true lover of anything art related, she does ceramics and sculpture and is learning crochet and jewelry making. She characterizes herself as "an art hoarder".

She is impressed with how everyone at the House is "so nice and great, and how everyone has welcomed me and made me feel a part of the RMHG family. We all work so closely together and everyone helps each other, which is amazing."

Jessica's favorite quote is, "As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has or ever will have something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression." She says she is looking forward to working with everyone at RMHG, and we think she is a great, unique and special addition to the RMHG family.

Godspeed



A very big "thank you" and best wishes to Margie Ruiz who is retiring due to health issues, and who has served the House so loyally for so many years

Going Home

It's always a celebration when our guests can go home. We are thrilled they are doing better, but are sorry to see them leave. We wish Stephanie Madrid and Teresa Perez all the best as they continue to recuperate with their loved ones. The smile says it all!



Upcoming Events

Oct 30 - 4-8:00 PM. These loving ladies met to plan our first annual Family Fun Event, a fundraising evening at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier. Mark your calendars. The Pleasure Pier will be closed for Ronald McDonald House Galveston supporters and their families to enjoy unlimited rides, food, games, drink, free parking, special guests and merriment. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not necessary.



November 12 - Our Suds & Cereal Run returns!

August Wish List

- ♥ Girls Flip-Flops Sizes 5-8
- ♥ Ear Buds (unisex) for the Kids
- ♥ Wal-Mart Gift Cards for Teen Birthday Gifts
- ♥ Fabuloso Floor Cleaner (green or blue)
- ♥ Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- ♥ 9-inch Paper Plates

August Means Supplies

Places like Dollar Tree and Target and Wal-Mart now have great specials on backpacks and school and office supplies. With the COVID restrictions, we bag up the art and school supplies for each family to keep them separate and safe. We send each child home with a backpack filled with goodies. Your donations will be very appreciated!

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!

