

# HOUSE HAPPENINGS

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



We're so happy to say that after so many months of tribulations it's been a busy time at our House! The House is again hearing the sounds of children, our wonderful volunteers are volunteering, our supporters have come by with a bounty of donations, our staff is, as usual, taking excellent care of everything while balancing so many things, our staff celebrated a baby shower for our Lenor, and our new playground is officially opened and full of the happy sounds of children playing! We still have some safety protocols in place to protect our children as the number of Covid cases begins to rise again, but we're hopeful that a new normal is coming our way as the sun shines on us and the island. We hope your summer is full of light and fun.

## Happy Birthday

- June 11 - Vicki Renken
- June 13 - Terri Prescott
- June 17 - Ruben Flores
- June 22 - Tom Lewis

Correction: Last month's birthday had the wrong date for Meg Byars. We're SO sorry, and hope she had a birthday filled with fun and love.



## Around the House

The families look forward to the meals that our supporters provide. It's a time for deliciousness and comfort. Thanks to May's curbside contributions by Cosmic Cookers, the Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, Drs. Pat Lanier & Bill Posnick, Maryellen LeDuc, the Galveston Rotary Club, United We Stand, Paula Friesner, Dennis and April Darling, the First Baptist Church and John & Jan Brick. If you'd like to provide a meal, contact Janie to schedule. [Janie@rmhg.org](mailto:Janie@rmhg.org)

Peggy Rice & Valerie Coleman representing the Tiki Ladies' Association came by with much needed household items. Thanks!



Irma Zamora Bird. & Brenda Johnson from Southwest Airlines delivered boxes and boxes of cleaning supplies, tortillas, water, snacks and fruit. Blanca & Gissela Caballero, who are staying at the House, happily accepted the donation.



The Galveston Sheriff's Department delivered fresh cucumbers, tomatoes, chili peppers, and corn on the cob for the families. This is a project of their Community Garden Program. Our families

love fresh produce, and we love all that the Sheriff's Department does for the House and the community!

Da Krewe du Roux once again stopped by with a very big check. We love when they come to visit and all they do for the children and families!

Knights of Columbus Los Brazos de Dios Council from Clute, Texas who brought us a donation. Many thanks for contributing to the House That Love Built®.





### PINATA TIME!

It was a joyous Cinco de Mayo celebration at the House. The children got to celebrate outside in the new playground. It was a day of fun for our little ones. Thanks to Karen Flowers for the piñata and candy, and thanks to Fredell Rosen for a chicken fajita lunch!



### MAHJONGG FUNDRAISER

More than 70 people gathered at the Galveston Country Club for a Mahjongg Fundraiser on May 7. All had a very fun day, and we're grateful for the monies raised. Thanks to Kendra Scott Gives Back for a pop-up shop, and all those who bought raffle tickets. It was so nice to be able to get together again to support our House. A bonus was getting to celebrate our beloved Margie Chavarria's birthday. Thanks to Janice Pierson, Dixie Messner and all the other organizers and everyone for your participation!



### OH BABY!

Lenor Lima was feted at the House with a baby shower. She is now out on maternity leave, and Dave Lewis is filling in for her while she is gone. Our best wishes for her new family, and we're delighted to have a new addition to the Ronald McDonald House Galveston family!



### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! Our annual gala, postponed for over 2 years because of Covid, is finally in the planning stages. On October 27 we will be celebrating and partying to support our House in the newly remodeled Queen of the Gulf, the Grand Galvez.



## PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

Our new Playground was officially dedicated on May 11. The efforts of a LOT of people, led by Fredell Rosen and Susanne Sullivan, really paid off. The playground is absolutely delightful, as evidenced by the whoops and laughter from the children. The dedication was well-attended by the press, with stories on the front page of the Galveston County Daily News, on the KPRC Channel Two News and the Houston Life Show, video on I-45 Now, and a heart-warming editorial by Laura Elder in the newspaper. During these times of so much bad news, our story was a welcome look at a very positive event. Our president, Carolyn Nelson-Becker, introduced speakers from UTMB, Shriners Texas Hospital and the Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston. The playground was blessed by the archdiocese, and a ribbon was cut with the help of the families and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce.











## Most Wanted

We're always thankful when our supporters drop off the supplies needed by our staff and families. Drop-Offs may be made between and 9:00 and 6:00 at the House. This month's wanted items are:

- Lysol Aerosol Spray
- 409 Spray
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Scrub Daddy Kitchen Sponges & Paste
- Oven Cleaner (non-scent)
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner (Clorox)
- Pledge Furniture Polish (store brand)
- Sprayway Glass Cleaner
- Dust Pans with Long Handles
- \*\*\*Hand-held vacuum cleaner \*\*\*\*
- Bottled Water
- Fresh Fruit
- Ground Beef
- Flour Tortillas
- Sliced Bread
- Breakfast Meats
- Lactose Free Milk
- Umbrella Toddler Stroller (4)
- Gently used luggage



We thank you for your support in helping children and families during their difficult time. We wish you the happiest and safest of summers!