

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Happy October! Our House is ready for all the fall festivities, decorated beautifully by Pat Laneer, Natalie Hodge, Nessa Hodge and Paula Roberts. Our big thanks to them for brightening our House and bringing smiles for our families. October is time for our **Family Fun Day** at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier on Sunday, October 26 from 2 to 6. Our thanks to those who have sponsored

thus far! It's not too late to become sponsors or purchase individual tickets. This is an event for everyone, and it includes all rides, games, food, drinks, facepainting and surprises. Fun costumes are optional. It's our primary fundraiser of the year, and a great way to have fun while giving back. (And teaching your kids the importance of helping families with children with serious medical issues.) Bring your family, your neighbor's kids, your bestie, whomever. **Everyone** is welcome. Sponsorships and family packs of 4 tickets (\$800), adult tickets (\$250) and kids' tickets (\$150, children under 2 are free) are available. Call 409/762-8770 x 5 to order or order on-line at <https://www.rmhg.org/donate>. Be sure to indicate your donation is for the Family Fun Event. We hope to see you there!



And another big thank you to the McDonald's CoOp group, who cooked a very delicious and heartwarming dinner. The loving support from McDonald's means so much to our House and families.



Michelle and Dennis Bryd brought students from Trinity Episcopal School to cook dinner for our hungry families. Teaching kids to help kids. Way to go guys! They also brought some much-needed items from our wish list. The Trinity kids jumped right in—serving dinner, helping in the kitchen, and most importantly, bringing smiles and light to families walking through some of their hardest days. These kids have no idea how much they brighten the families just by showing up. We love seeing these precious kids learning community service and how much fun it is!! This is the very best education of all.



Happy Birthday

October 5 – Lonnie Harris
October 8 – Kim Helm
October 11 – Gloria Appell
October 13 – Fatima Iglesias



August and September Happenings

A BIG thank you to McDonald's Perez Organization for the wonderful dinner they provided to the families. They also played loteria bingo. The families had a great time!



Other dinners were provided in August and September by the Cosmic Cookers, the Moore Sisters, Maryellen LeDuc, Temple Emmanuel Christian Church, Galveston Rotary Club, John and Jan Brick, Vera Carmona, McDonald's Lucero, Helen and Gayle King, Southwest Airlines, Ruth and Marshall Yost,

Broadway Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, Layers of Love, NCL Amanda, McDonald's Corp, McDonald's McKinney, Temple Emmanuel Christian Church and Galveston Lulac 151. Our families so enjoy the hot meals after their hospital visits. It gives them extra time without worrying about preparing a meal to relax and bond with other families.



Correction: In the last newsletter, Pat Lanier and William Posnick and Maryellen LeDuc's names were inadvertently left off those who supplied our families with dinners in July. Pat, Bill and Maryellen have been giving heart (and tummy!) warming sustenance to our families monthly for many, many years. We're so sorry for the mistake! We love you.

Our families were treated to an outing at Moody Gardens. They had such a fun time exploring the aquarium and getting away from doctors and hospitals and therapies for a day. Our thanks to Moody Gardens for giving them all such a fun respite! And thanks to our volunteer chaperones.



A HUGE thank you to Sue Manning and the Earl W. and Hazel C. Pierson Foundation for their donation to the Ronald McDonald House Galveston's classroom. These donations are the reason we are able to care for our families. We appreciate you so much.



Thanks to Yaga's Children's Fund for their support of our House and to our people who volunteered on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House at Yaga's Wild Game Cookoff. Yaga's presented grant checks at a recent meeting at the Grand 1894 Opera House. Yaga's grants are a part of the wonderful

Galveston community spirit that help to fund our House and other Galveston Children's charities.



The South East Texas Sport Fishing Association came by with a large donation for our House. They always provide for our families with regular visits to provide donations, dinner and friendship to our families. We love what you do for our children and families. Thank you!

Once a week our families have the opportunity to go to the local Walmart and/or Dollar Store in Galveston to purchase those needed personal items. Pictured are some of the families that took advantage of a recent opportunity. We love that we have the means to do this for them, and they always enjoy the trip.



Bingo! Prizes! Our House Operations Committee under Paula Friesner, Laurel Sukel, Lidia Polio and others hold regular bingo sessions with snacks and treats for our families. These can get quite animated, and the families tell us how much fun they are.





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Other House events: Daisy and Kim hosted Art and Crafts parties. The ladies from Alpha Delta Pi Sorority came and helped our families with a sun catcher craft.



Our thanks to Home Depot for donating craft kits to our families. Our House Operations Committee is now hosting a "Shop Wednesday", where families are given tickets to "shop" for items that have been donated to us.



The ladies from Sew Sisters stopped by last week to donate quilts they made. These are "sew" beautiful, and we are delighted with the many hours you spend to brighten up and warm our House the Love Built.



Wish List

Pancake Mix - Fresh Vegetables and Fruit - Rice - Beans
Potatoes - Onions - Garlic - Snacks - Cookies
Rice Krispie Treats - Hot Pockets - Hot Dogs - Sausages
Cooking Oil - Luncheon meats - Bread - Eggs - Chorizo
Pasta - Juices - Popcorn - Canned Tuna - Canned Chicken
Chicken - Beef

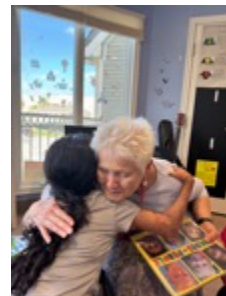
Items can be dropped off curbside between 9 and 6. Call ahead to let us know you are coming and so we can properly thank you! (409) 762-8770 Your gifts mean so much to the families.



Jake Ratka with UTMB snapped this photo of our House framed by a rainbow. (Thanks, Jake!) We are truly blessed by our outstanding staff, volunteers, donor, board and supporters. May your days be filled with rainbows!



Beverly LaRock – *Keeping Families Close®*



We are so glad that Beverly LaRock is a part of the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston family. She brings so much loving care to our House. Here's her story:

"My name is Beverly Ruth LaRock. I am 77 years old and a widow. I live alone with my two 10-year-old cats who are brothers. I have two children; my daughter lives in New York and my son lives in Galveston. I like reading and doing yoga. When I was a child, I had two surgeries because I had polio, and the hospital was five hours from my home. My parents would not stay in Baltimore because they could not afford a hotel. So, they registered me at the hospital and left to go home. They would come back two weeks later to take me home.

"It was lonely and a little scary. So, I wanted to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house to help to keep the house working, so Parents would be able to stay with their children while they get treatment at Shriners and UTMB. My favorite part of volunteering is seeing and hearing the children learn and play with Miss Lidia in her classroom among other activities in the House. I would like to thank the wonderful staff that has treated me like family since I became a volunteer at the wonderful RMHG."

Upcoming Events

October 11 – Piggy Perch

The Southeast Texas Sports Fishing Association hosts a "Piggy Perch" annually and invites our families for a day of fishing, good eating and fun. The kids always have an angling good time.

Coming in November

Our Annual Cereal and Suds Run.
Come join the fun!



Upcoming Events, Cont.

Did we mention our Family Fun Day?

It's October 26 from 2 – 6:00



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