

# HOUSE HAPPENINGS

*A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family - Keeping Families Close®*



Spring is in the air! The House is brimming with families, and they are very thankful for the cleanliness, loving care, welcoming surroundings, heart-warming food and fun activities provided to them by all of you. One of the mothers recently noted that

she was so happy to find everything they needed at the House. We've had the luck of the Irish with all the help from our amazing Staff, Volunteers, Board and supporters. It's better than a pot of gold. We thank you all. ♥

## Around the House

Dillard's Baybrook Mall hosted a wish list drive that generated a two-month supply of dry foods, paper and cleaning supplies.



Alpha Delta Kappa also dropped by the House with a donation.



Clear Creek ISD teacher Michelle Radler and her first grade class at North Pointe Elementary School are collecting various items for the families. We love to see kids helping kids! The children love the art classes given by Laura McIntyre with the Galveston Art Center. UTMB students helped deliver left over flowers, which brighten the spirits of our families. We welcome Richard Gonzales and his lovely wife, Karen, who will be hosting monthly meals thru May. Richard's mother served as a volunteer in the house over 20 years. Our Ronald McDonald House Galveston family continues to grow.

Every year, the Sullivan Brothers' companies' employees hold a fundraising campaign for us, which is matched by the Sullivan Brothers. We are so delighted with all they do to support the House, including this very "large" check. Additionally, employees of Texas International Terminals gave us some needed maintenance help.



Santa came and gave free haircuts. Layers of Love provided a breakfast and surprised the families with gifts.



Ball High School Technical Institute hosted a Bingo session. Darrell Hattern of Home Depot and our Paula Friesner hosted a kids' workshop event. What a fun and enjoyable Saturday afternoon! These events bring smiles and laughter to our families.





A group from the Harvest Church delights us with dinner twice a month.

All of our families appreciate the meals and food brought by volunteers. Last month we neglected to mention Jonathan Salinas and David Tovar and the Seventy7Riders club that had Dave's pizza from League City sponsor pizza to feed 500 for our Lights of Love celebration. Thank you!

Cosmic Cookers come once a month with really yummy food.



Other very welcomed meals were provided by El Nopalito Restaurant, Vera Carmona, Richard & Karen Gonzales, the Broadway Church of Christ (which brings us Sunday breakfast twice a month), Woodman of the World, the Galveston Rotary Club, John & Jan Brick (Fried Chicken!), Southwest Airlines, the Moore Sisters, Pat Lanier & Bill Posnick (Pizza!), Maryellen LeDuc, the Heart of Refuge Ministry and the First Baptist Church. If you'd like to contribute, e-mail [Janie@rmhg.org](mailto:Janie@rmhg.org)

Temple Emmanuel Christian Church comes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. This month they cooked a very delicious chicken dinner and cake!

Laurel Sukel, Jodie Trncak and Paula Friesner decorated the House to welcome Spring. The kids delight in the decorations, which turn the House into their magical home away from home.



The Galveston Lions Club brought pizza and salad. They cook for us the 4th Thursday of each month. And our families LOVE pizza! (Who doesn't?)



## Upcoming Event

It's not too late to register for our Mah Jongg Party.  
You are invited to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of

# 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!

## Super Prizes!



These scooters are so cute and so much fun! Matching helmets included. And who wouldn't like to win \$1,000 worth of gift cards? You can also register for the Mah Jongg party and purchase raffle tickets on-line at:

<https://ronaldmcdonaldhousegalveston.squarespace.com/>

And don't forget to mark your calendars for our **3rd Annual Family Fun Day** on Oct 27 at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier.

## Volunteer News

We welcome Brittany Hemmes, our newest volunteer. We currently have 11 weekly volunteers that work 3-hour shifts at the reception desk. We could use more! Do you know high school, college students, retirees or others who would like to volunteer? Contact Janie@rmhg.org for more information.

Our condolences to the family of Christine (Chris) Oliver who passed away February 14<sup>th</sup> after a short battle with cancer. She was a long-time employee of McDonald's and a dedicated supporter of our House.

## Happy Birthday

March 25 - Lidia Polio

March 29 - Margie Ruiz

March 31 - Art Ramos



## Our Wish List

Our current needs include:

- Salt
- Rice
- Bread
- Wheat flour
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Cooking Oil
- Vegetable Cooking Oil
- Butter
- Ranch Dressing
- Rice
- Tomato Sauce
- Serrano Peppers
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Orange Juice
- Tuna
- Chicken Bouillon
- Maseca Corn Flour
- Sugar
- Crisco Lard
- Evaporated milk
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Coffee Creamer
- Straws
- Napkins
- Luggage
- Duffle bags
- White Copy Paper
- Flashlights
- D alkaline batteries
- Trash Bags (10, 13, 55 gallon)

