

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Happy September! Backpacks, school days, fun and educational times for our children. At the Ronald McDonald House Galveston we strongly believe in letting kids be kids even if they are seriously ill. Our initiative to provide them all with backpacks and exceptional learning experiences brings the "normal" to their days. This is all possible because of the overwhelming support from you, our Ronald McDonald House Galveston Family of supporters, staff, volunteers, community and board members. Thanks!

August Happenings



thankful for these items that are essential to the operation of our Home. Thanks, Emerald Giving and Transmission!



August 9th was a packed day for our House. Latinas for the Arts blessed us with many wish list items, a pizza lunch, karaoke, and even brought two additional friends in tow! Bayou Friends Forever came with a furry friend to love on and Urban Air-Pasadena treated our families to passes to come and jump very soon! To these 3 wonderful organizations, thank you for the blessings and for a perfect day from start to finish. Amazing, simply amazing.

🎄 With all our hearts, thank you to the Dash Gordon Foundation, their incredible team, and generous supporters for making Christmas in July so special for the House! Your kindness provided pillows, air mattresses, snacks, toys, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and so much more. We are deeply grateful for your love and generosity—you've blessed us beyond belief! ❤️



A big thanks to Emerald Giving and Transmission LLC for their thoughtful gift of many critical items on our Wish List. We are



This volunteer shout-out goes to Mallie Sullivan at Ball High. Mallie had a sweet idea of sending notes of encouragement to children at local hospitals. So, she created a club with other students to write and deliver these sweet notes, cards and small treats to our house each week! You are a future leader Ms. Sullivan with a heart of gold!

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Thanks to Lucero's team from McDonald's for the beautiful spread. Pasta salad, chicken, sandwiches, Coke and more. We love that they always play Loteria with candy prizes with our families. Huge hit! Lucero Team, thanks for always showing up in BIG ways for us! We're grateful for you.



Not all superheroes wear capes. Some just appear on your doorstep, monthly and without fail, delivering exactly what you need. Meet Judy Shorman. She is our hero that frequents estate sales to single-handedly collect suitcases for our families. Judy shows up, like clockwork, with an abundance of suitcases, stays less than 5 minutes and has no idea of the impact she leaves in her wake. We surely do! Judy, we see you and we salute you. Thank you for being a Ronald McDonald House Galveston superhero!



Our friends at Ronald McDonald House Charities Greater Houston invited us to be a part of the Thanks A Million party for our AMAZING group of McDonald's owners and operators! The Round up program is an instrumental part of the house operation, and we simply would not be able to provide for our families without it! It was a beautiful celebration and well deserved for all! Be sure to ROUND UP your McDonald's checks; every penny matters! 🍷🍔💰



We were lucky enough to be gifted goodies not once but TWICE in 24 hours by Diamond Wishes Children's Charity. Yesterday, they arrived with many items from our Wish List, and we received a HUGE donation pickup at Five Below this morning. Christmas shelves are filling up already due to the generosity of this group and so many others! Blessed indeed by this altruistic group passing through on their way to their cruise. DWCC, we are so very grateful for your thoughtfulness. Thank you!

Meals Made with Love

We are incredibly grateful for the generous meal providers who nourished our families this month. Every meal brings more than food—it brings comfort, care, and a reminder that our families are surrounded by a loving community. A heartfelt THANK YOU to:

The Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, Drs. Pat & Bill, Maryellen Le Duc, John & Jan Brick, Cosmic Cookers, First Baptist Church, Bayou Animal Shelter, Helen & Gayle King, Temple Emmanuel Christian Church, Galveston Rotary Club, Maria Tabaracci, Cathy McLean, Carolyn Nelson-Becker, Ruth & Marshall Yost, Layers of Love, Vera Carmona, Rotary Club of Galveston, McDonald's Lucero, Southwest Airlines, and our own



Thanks to the Yates family for our new foosball table! It's the perfect addition for even more downstairs fun on the patio!



We are grateful for Dawn Cromie, owner of D's Stitches, for stocking up our House gift shop. She delivered our first batch of

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Chef Lonnie! You keep our families fed, cared for, and feeling at their home away from home. We are so thankful for each of you!



Temple Emanuel Christian Church prepared a magnificent meal for our Ronald McDonald House families. It was a delicious taco feast featuring beef fajitas, pico de gallo, fresh avocado, watermelon, and warm tortillas. Our families' favorite! Thanks to these wonderful ladies who delight us every month.



We launched our Chef-Led Meal program with the help from the Galveston Rotary Club. Our Chef Lonnie led them in a fun-filled evening cooking, enjoying fellowship, interacting with our families and providing a wonderful meal.



As an encore, our board members used Chef Lonnie's expertise for a yummy meal for our families.

Who's ready to cook at Ronald McDonald House Galveston?! Cook with Chef Lonnie for zero guesswork or come prepare your own special dish. Either way, our families will love sharing a meal with you. Officially launched with Lonnie as chef.

Volunteer groups can participate for a one-time cost of \$250 (can be split among participants). Lonnie is scheduled for the last two weeks of each month, with staff backfilling his regular duties on those evenings. Donor and volunteer groups can still host their own meal at their expense or donate \$150 for the House to purchase a meal to feed our families. Please see our open days in September and call us at 409-762-8770 if you have an interested group.

Meal Program Availability						
RMH Galveston						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Big Fun. Big Learning. Big Smiles!

The kids who stay at our House need more than physical healing—they need opportunities to learn, grow, laugh and simply be kids. We provide educational enrichment and fun experiences that nurture their minds and lift the spirits of both children and parents. We're incredibly grateful to the sponsors, volunteers, board members and staff who make these special experiences possible. Together, you're helping create brighter days during challenging times. ❤️



A beach day and a visit to the San Luis Resort and Tito the Texas Poodle, thanks to Michelle Beckwith.



Outing at the Moody Gardens Aquarium, thanks to our sponsors.



We had our first-ever Ronald McDonald House Galveston Science Fair—and it was a blast! 🎉🔬🧪 The kids had fun exploring, experimenting, and showing off their discoveries, while the grown-ups were blown away by their creativity and accomplishments. Future scientists in the making! 🚀🧠



Our kids were proud to put on their first Taekwondo exhibition with Master Polio. It's amazing what kids with different ages and capabilities can do.



Our families went to The Spot for Literacy Night. The families love this monthly outing filled with learning, hands on activities, delicious food and companionship. Thanks to The Spot and to SMART Family Literacy for another fun Learning experience.

August also saw Bingo games with Paula, Laurel, Sheryl and Daisy, guitar lessons, Daisy's arts and crafts, garage painting party, cookie baking with Jennie as well as birthday and going home parties for our families. And of course their lessons with our beloved Lidia. So many contributing to our House that Love Built!

Volunteer News



Happy 21st to our Daisy Martinez! This former employee turned volunteer extraordinaire loves our House, children and families with her whole heart, and we all love her just as much. Daisy leads an art session each week, contributes to our social media pages, shows up for many special events, and continuously spreads her love to our kids. Wishing you the best year ahead, Dais! Happy Birthday to you. 🎂



Our speaking engagement team spoke to UTMB's second year medical students using our new PowerPoint. Since the presentation, we have three different groups book times with us to collaborate with our House on future projects. What a WIN! Thanks to Kathy, Juan & Sara for showing up and supporting our House. If your organization would like to

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know more about the Ronald McDonald House Galveston, call us!



Happy Birthday

September 5, Oscar Vicet Machado

September 26, Chasidy Banerjee

Happy Employment Anniversary

Graciela Estrada, 14 years

Happy Volunteer Anniversary

Dariela Martinez, 2 years

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Reynolds

It is with a great sense of sadness that we have learned of the passing of Mary Reynolds. Mary was our very FIRST secretary as we began this journey to build our House.

She was dedicated, loyal and patient as we navigated the many steps of planning the Capital Campaign and then its commencement. Her many skills helped us immensely and simply put, our success was her success!!

Mary was always so perky, energetic, patient, kind and one heck of a good secretary for us during those early years of the HUGS organization 1985-1989.

MARY LIVED A VIBRANT
FULL LIFE WITH PURPOSE,
LOVE, AND COMMITMENT.

Correction: It was Chef Lonnie's Mother who passed away. Our continuing thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Upcoming Events

We hope that you all will attend these fun events and invite your friends.

October 25 – Family Fun Event at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier. See the graphic for info on sponsorships and tickets.

December 14 – Lights of Love, Full of Joy

After a years' absence, we're bringing back our popular Lights of Love event celebrating the Galveston community and the holidays. This year we are dedicating it to Joy Fertitta, a longtime Ronald McDonald House Galveston board member, in memory of her husband Vic Fertitta.

5TH ANNUAL Family Fun EVENT AT THE GALVESTON PLEASURE PIER
EVENT DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2026
Partner with us to make a difference for families with seriously ill children.

\$50,000 TEXAS STAR FLYER ★ 80 Admissions ★ Prominent Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition	\$25,000 PIRATES PLUNGE ★ 40 Admissions ★ Prominent Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition
\$15,000 ROCK N ROLL ★ 24 Admissions ★ Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition	\$10,000 CYCLONE ★ 16 Admissions ★ Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition
\$5,000 PIER PILEUP ★ 8 Admissions ★ Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition	\$2,500 SEA DRAGON ★ 4 Admissions ★ Signage at Pier ★ Social Media Recognition

\$1,000 CAROUSEL
★ 2 Admissions
★ Social Media Recognition

FAMILY PACK \$800	ADULT TICKET \$250	CHILDREN TICKET (3-18) \$150
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These can be purchased by using this QR Code or calling Linda at 409 762-8770.
For more information please visit our website at rmhg.org.

Children 2 years and under do not require a ticket.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE Galveston Wish List
HELP KEEP FAMILIES CLOSE

When a child is receiving medical treatment, families should be able to focus on healing—not everyday necessities. Your donations help provide a comfortable "home away from home" for families staying at Ronald McDonald House Galveston.

PANTRY ITEMS - Fresh fruits - Fresh vegetables - Individually wrapped snacks - Granola bars - Crackers - Applesauce cups - Fruit cups - Juice boxes - Bottled water - Coffee and K-Cups - Pasta and pasta sauce - Rice - Peanut butter - Jelly	HOUSEHOLD & CLEANING SUPPLIES - Paper towels - Toilet paper - Facial tissue - Laundry detergent - Dryer sheets - Dish soap - Dishwasher pods - All-purpose cleaner - Disinfecting wipes - Trash bags (13-gallon & kitchen size) - Hand soap	PERSONAL CARE ITEMS - Shampoo - Conditioner - Body wash - Toothbrushes - Toothpaste - Deodorant - Lotion - Shaving cream - Razors - Feminine hygiene products
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FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Coloring books - Crayons - Colored pencils - Markers - Puzzles - Card games - Board games - Children's books - Craft kits	GIFT CARDS - Walmart - Amazon - H-E-B - Sam's Club - Kroger - Visa Gift Cards - Target
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EVERY DONATION HELPS PROVIDE COMFORT, CARE, AND HOPE TO FAMILIES WITH SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN.

Please Note
 ♥ We kindly ask that all donated items be new and unopened.
 ♥ Fresh produce is always appreciated when arranged with the House in advance.
 ♥ For current high-priority needs, please visit www.rmhg.org or contact the House directly, as wish list needs are updated regularly.

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Thank you for helping us keep families close!