



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Happy July! As America celebrates its 250th birthday, we invite you to celebrate with purpose, gratitude, and plenty of fun! Bring the whole family to a morning filled with laughter, music, games, and the joy of giving back to families staying at Ronald McDonald House Galveston. Children of all ages will enjoy face painting, a bounce house, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, music, local vendors, and lots of fun surprises.

Together, we'll celebrate the blessings of living in this great country by sharing kindness, serving others, and making a difference—simply because we can and that's who we are.

Admission is free! Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot across from Ronald McDonald House Galveston, then head off to enjoy the rest of your Fourth of July festivities. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

We held a contest for our talented kids to design a t-shirt for the event. Be sure to pick yours up!

We can't wait to celebrate you—our incredible Galveston County community and Ronald McDonald House family. Over the past several months, you have stepped up in countless ways to care for the children and families who call our House home. Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve have created moments of comfort, hope, and joy when they were needed most. The smiles you've inspired and the memories you've helped create are truly heartwarming, and we look forward to celebrating all that we've accomplished together.



Happy Birthday

July 20, Dariela Martinez

June Happenings



The House is thrilled to launch the first stage of our new music program by introducing our children to the joy of piano and guitar! We are incredibly grateful to welcome Mr. Martinez, a talented bilingual musician with expertise in a wide variety of instruments, who has generously committed to sharing his time and talents with our families twice each week. Already, the sweet sounds of music are filling our halls with hope, laughter, and joy. Watching our children discover new talents, build confidence, and light up with every note is a beautiful reminder of the healing power of music. We feel truly blessed to witness the smiles this special program is already creating—and we know many more are yet to come.



Our hearts are full of gratitude for the wonderful representatives from Latina for the Arts, who brought an incredible donation of much-needed essentials. From backpacks and hygiene items to laundry detergent, toilet paper, socks, and so many other

You're Invited!

A Darlin' 4th of July BLOCK PARTY

FUN • COMMUNITY • CELEBRATION

Join us for a morning full of
fun, laughter, and community
as we celebrate the 4th of July together!

SATURDAY
JULY 4TH
9:00 AM
TO
1:00 PM

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Proudly celebrating our friends at

UTMB

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Children's™**

and all of the incredible families we serve. ♥

WHAT TO EXPECT

BOUNCE HOUSES
& KIDS GAMES

SNOW CONES
& SWEET TREATS

MUSIC +
DJ VIBES

FACE
PAINTING

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

LOCAL VENDORS
& FUN SURPRISES

★ Bring your family, wear your red, white & blue,
and come ready to celebrate! ★



necessities, their generosity will make a meaningful difference for the families we serve every day. Every donated item is a reminder that our community cares deeply about our children and families during some of life's most challenging moments. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this thoughtful gift. Your kindness, compassion, and generosity bring comfort, hope, and countless smiles to the families who call Ronald McDonald House Galveston home.



Huge shout out to Del Papa Distribution for gifting the house with a healthy soda option for the families to enjoy. We loved getting to visit with you all and are looking forward to a long partnership! Huge hugs!!! ❤️💛💚



Our kids were totally delighted to be invited to the MarMo Market Junior at MarMo Plaza where they displayed and sold their artwork. This wouldn't have been possible without Daisy and Dr Pat's art classes and encouragement and our wonderful staff. Our incredibly talented little artists had a very successful and fun day.



Tasty Treats



Dolphins' Delight Day at the House was truly unforgettable! After spending the week learning about dolphins, our children proudly shared fun facts and presented beautiful dolphin-themed artwork they created for Captain Ben and the Baywatch Dolphin Tours crew. Captain Ben captivated everyone with an engaging presentation before surprising the children with an invitation to enjoy a private dolphin tour the following week. Our heartfelt thanks to Jeannie, Captain Ben, Captain Adam, and Craig from Baywatch Dolphin Tours for this incredible gift. Their generosity created a day filled with learning, creativity, laughter, and memories that will bring smiles to our families for years to come. What a great learning experience for the kids .



Thanks to McDonald's Carrie Perez organization for regularly providing our guests with delicious dinners! This month they prepared hot dogs with all the fixin's for our families. You are MUCH appreciated, fellow McDonald's family! ❤️💛💚

The National Charity League of Space City cooked for us twice this month! Their treats included a delicious Jambalaya feast, which the families absolutely loved. A special thanks for all you do for our families.



Thanks, too, to our other meal providers in June: Cosmic Cookers, the Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, Drs. Pat and Bill, Maryellen LeDuc, the Galveston Rotary Club, UTMB, the First Baptist Church, Westward Church, Eddie with the McDonald's Corp, John and Jan





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Brick, the Temple Emmanuel Christian church, McDonald's Lucero, Southwest Airlines, Layers of Love, Ruth and Marshall Yost, Vera Carmona, Helen and Gayle King, United We Stand, Maria Tabaracci, Cathy Mclean and Carolyn Nelson Becker, Vera Carmona and our Super Chef Lonnie. You are SO appreciated!



Bingo



Beach Day



Father's Day

When we put out a call to help make Father's Day special for the incredible Dads staying at Ronald McDonald House Galveston, our community answered in the most amazing way. These fathers spend every day by the side of their seriously ill children, putting their own needs aside to be their biggest source of strength. We wanted to remind them that they are seen, appreciated, and celebrated. Then came the ultimate surprise! After seeing our Father's Day post, Dash Gordon immediately reached out and generously donated tickets to Houston Astros games. Talk about hitting it out of the park! 💙💛

Our staff quickly sprang into action, packed goody bags, loaded up both vehicles, and gave 39 family members an unforgettable time at the ballpark.

Dash, your kindness created memories these families will cherish forever. Thank you simply doesn't seem like enough. A special thank you also goes to Michelle Byrd for donating stylish Byrdsi sunglasses and Janice Pierson for providing Astros shirts so our dads could cheer on the home team in style.

With \$1 hot dogs, great company, and an Astros win, it was the perfect way to celebrate some truly extraordinary fathers. The daddies of RMHG were showered with love all day long!

Surprise haircuts compliments of Hopie Torres, an ice cream social with Tiny Tots, Henry's fajita plate dinners, a goody bag full of assorted gifts & an Astros-themed ice cream sundae/root beer bar rounded out a near-perfect day. Thanks to all who contributed! Now that's a Father's Day to remember. ❤️💛🙏

Family Happenings



Dolphin Tour



Moody Garden Visit



Art Party



World Ocean Day with the trash can decorated by our kids



Thank you, Tammy, for the care, dedication, and joy you bring to our House. We are grateful to have you as part of our Ronald McDonald House Galveston family!

Most Wanted

Be sure to see our Wish List each Wednesday on our Facebook Page. Call and let us know you are coming to drop off your donations. We'd love to thank you in person. You can also donate things on our Amazon wish list to be delivered directly to us.

Wednesday Wish List

☐ Beef Jerky	☐ Neck Pillow
☐ Slim Jims	☐ Travel Blanket
☐ Popcorn Snack Bags	☐ Toddler Toys (rattles, chewies)
☐ Chip Snack Bags	☐ Water Bottle Flavor Packets
☐ Mexican Candy	☐ Fruit Snacks
☐ Games in Spanish	☐ Peanut Packets
☐ Stress Balls	☐ Fidget Spinners
☐ Sticker Books	☐ Toy Cars
☐ Playing Card Sets	☐ Dish Soap
☐ Raisins	☐ Laundry Detergent
☐ Color Packs	☐ Small Lego Sets
☐ Ear Buds	☐ Magnetic Travel Toys
☐ Phone Charger	☐ Magazines
☐ Play Dough	☐ Mad Libs Books
☐ Pudding Cups	☐ Individual Cookie Packs
☐ Mac & Chz Cups	☐ Travel Size Games
☐ Granola Snacks	☐ Water Wow Books

Hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th celebrating our 250 Birthday! Here's some of the kids' artwork to enjoy.



Staff News Tammy Cervantes

Congratulations to Tammy, our Employee of the Month! Chosen by her coworkers, Tammy is recognized not only for her outstanding leadership but also for the kindness and compassion she brings to our House each day. Her teammates describe her as a strong leader whom families

naturally gravitate toward—a welcoming presence and a shining light to everyone she meets. Always helpful, knowledgeable, and encouraging, Tammy approaches each day with a positive spirit that makes Ronald McDonald House Galveston a brighter, happier place for our families, volunteers, and staff alike.



Karate!



A Dad's 50th Birthday Celebration

Beach Days. Baywatch Dolphin Tour. Moody Gardens outings. Bingo games. Art Parties. Karate. Every day at Ronald McDonald House Galveston our greatest hope is to give families something to look forward to—a moment of joy, a reason to smile, and a reminder that they are surrounded by love and compassion. Even if only for a little while, we want them to set aside the worries of their medical journey and simply enjoy being together. Whether it's listening to the soothing sound of the waves along the seawall, exploring the wonders of the pyramids, or sharing laughter during a special outing, we strive to turn ordinary moments into cherished memories that families will carry with them long after they leave our House.

None of this would be possible without our incredible supporters. Your generosity gives us the opportunity to create these meaningful experiences, bringing hope, comfort, and joy to children and families when they need it most. Thank you for helping us fill their days with moments they'll never forget.