



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays! Natalie Hodge is responsible for the absolutely beautiful House decorations. The families (and everyone else) are awed by how magical the House looks. And we are in awe of the many gifts of love coming our way from you who are all members of the Ronald McDonald House Family.

May your families rejoice in the blessings of the season.

Happy Birthday

12/22 - Nancy Lopez



Around the House in November



This group from Temple Emanuel Christian Church comes the second Tuesday of every month and cooks for the House to the delight of our families.



The Bayside Lions Club hosted a spaghetti dinner and desert for the families. The club started volunteering in 2010 making the drive from Bacliff to the island. We love their dedication, and the families love their wonderful hot meals. Who doesn't love spaghetti? Delizioso!

Other meals were provided by the Broadway Church of Christ, the Moore Sisters, Drs Pat Lanier and Bill Posnick, Maryellen LeDuc, the First Baptist Church, Holy Family Parish, the First Baptist Church, the Galveston Rotary Club, The Harvest Church, the Brick Family, Iglesias Cather, Layers of Love (who also hosted a bingo session), Vera Carmona, Southwest Airlines employees, Lamar University Alpha Delta Pi, and Olga Rodriguez. United We Stand helped our families celebrate the holiday with a Thanksgiving feast.

The UTMB Allergy & Immunology group came and hosted a Bingo game for the families. Paula Friesner and Laurel Sukel hosted a pajama club movie night under the House with our new projector. The Bay Harbor United Methodist Church brought ice cream and hosted a bingo game. The Galveston Arts Center gave the families more art classes and put on a display of the children's artwork at their gallery during Artwalk. Our families enjoyed all of these. Our thanks to all!

Dia de Los Muertos Feast



Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a special, joyful but solemn celebration of the lives of those who have gone before. It is traditional in Mexico and other countries to honor and remember ancestors and other loved ones who have passed. A special altar called an Ofrenda is built with pictures of the loved ones and treats that they enjoyed. With the help of Lidia Polio, Paula Friesner and Laurel Sukel organized a special party, assisted by the House staff, Sunday Roberts, Paula Roberts, Natalie Hodge, Juan Pena and others. Lidia helped the children with crafts and building the Ofrenda. The Cosmic Cookers cooked a festival feast to celebrate the day, and Mr. Taco provided luscious traditional deserts. The children had their faces painted and dressed in traditional fashion. The kids played music, and the very special DJ and friend of the House Dash Gordon provided fun music, and a great time was had by all!





Volunteer News



Meet Beverly LaRock, one of our newer volunteers. As a child, Beverly had polio and had to travel a distance to Baltimore for treatment. Her mother would drop her off at the hospital, but would have to return home, leaving little Beverly lonely. She says she is so very happy to be able to support our House which answers a big need for families to be able to stay together. She can be found helping at the House on

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons answering the phones, helping with donation deliveries, and she does an excellent job with inventory projects. She loves volunteering for us, and we love her!

This is Santa Gonzalez. She comes at least once a month and gives our families haircuts. They are so appreciative! This is the line of families waiting for her magic



touch.



This is Art Ramos, a very giving volunteer. He's the pastor of the Harvest Church, one of our loyal monthly meal providers. He also brings food, fun times and fellowship to our House. Here he's with Laurel Sukel and Margie adding the raffle ticket he purchased while at the House helping with the Cereal and Suds Run.



Happy Volunteer Anniversary

John Beatty - 1 year

Tom Lewis - 31 years

In Loving Memory

Our heartfelt condolences to Winkie and Jerry Mohn who unexpectedly lost their son Jerrold. Winkie and Jerry have been special angels to our House for many, many years. Our hearts go out to this special family who have done so much for the House That Love Built.





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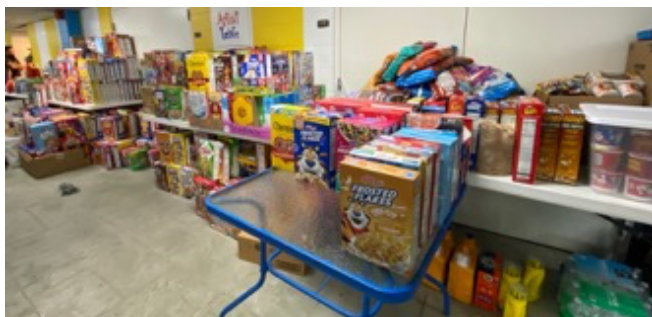
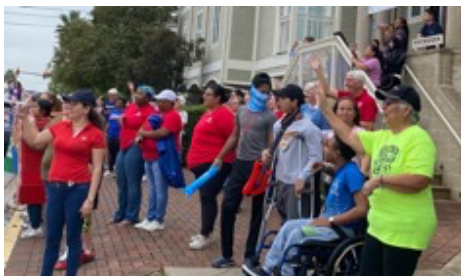
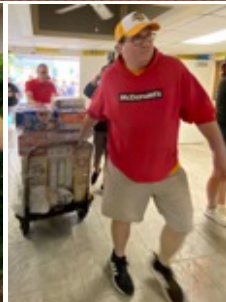
Jeepers!

What was that parade down I-45? It was the Cereal and Suds Run. The jeeps just kept on coming, welcomed by our wonderful volunteers. 13,250 servings of cereal. 11,665 loads of laundry. 228 rolls of toilet paper. 68 rolls of paper towels. What a wonderful haul! The Houston Jeep Clubs gathered at Buc-ees, loaded their goods into a semi-truck, and paraded to our House with the escort of Juan Pena and his corps of Galveston County sheriffs. The Galveston Junior League, and the National Charity League volunteered to help unload the goods. Coca Cola donated swag which was raffled off to the participants. It would not have happened without the organizer Penny Ohlmacher. She's our hero!





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We want to include everyone's birthdays & special announcements. Please let us know of any errors.





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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars to share in the fun. Everyone is welcome, and that means, YOU!!!

December 6, 2024 - Lights of Love

Join us for a celebration of our House and Galveston, the community that supports us so well.



March 18, 2025 - Mahjongg Fundraiser

Attention all Mah Jongg Players

Mah Jongg Cards can now be ordered with partial proceeds coming to our House. An order form is attached to this e-mail. Our thanks to Sally Galbraith for all her hard work in organizing this. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our Mah Jongg Fundraiser on March 18, 2025.

October 26, 2025 - Family Fun Event Fundraiser



We said we wouldn't do it again. But this year's Family Fun Event at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier was so much fun and so successful, it will be back by popular demand in 2025. **Hope to see you there on October 26th.**



Best Holiday Present Ever - It's Not Too Late

Stressed out finding the perfect gift for that very special someone? A paver on the pathway to our playground is something that fits all, won't need to be returned and will last and last and last. Order using the attached order form, online at: <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/rmhg> or call or email the House.



February 8, 2025 - Da Carnival D'Acadie Ball



<https://www.facebook.com/events/418635837537440/>

Da Krewe du Roux is holding a super fabulous Mardi Gras Ball with proceeds coming to Shriners Children's Texas Hospital and our House. More information at the link above.



Wish List - Most Wanted

- Snack size Ziploc Bags - Salty snacks
- Bottled Water - Ramen Noodles
- Cesar Salad in a bag - Cheese slices
- Grated Cheese - Sandwich Meats
- Sandwich Bread

Call ahead to let us know you're coming.

409-762-8770 - Curbside Delivery Hours - 9:00am-6:00pm

If you'd like to prepare a meal for the families (there are still several available dates in the coming months), we'd love it! Contact Janie Puentes at 409-762-8770 or janie@rmhg.org for more information on how you can help support our families.



However you celebrate the holidays, we hope it's a joyful season for you and yours. We thank you all for all you do to help our families in their time of need.