

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



It's all about families. The families of the children being treated at UTMB and Shriners Children's Texas Hospitals. Your family, our family, the newly created "families" of guests at our House. The Ronald McDonald House Galveston Family of staff, volunteers, board members and supporters. The love you shower on our House makes all the difference in these families. Thank you! We hope you will help celebrate these families at the third annual Family Fun Day at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier on October 27. Keeping Families Together®. That is what we do.

Happy Birthday

September 9 - John Beatty

September 9 - Brittany Hemmes

September 10 - Mohammed Adel Youssef

September 26 Chasidy Banerjee

September 27 - Marissa Salas



Instead of a blow-out bash celebration with family and friends, Natalie Hodge decided to have her birthday party with our children and families at the House. She hosted an art party with cake, candy bags, and beautiful flowers provided by her husband Shawn. The children made cards and sang to her. Everybody loves a birthday party, and our guests are no exception. It was such a bright spot in everyone's day! Happy Birthday, Natalie! And kudos for sharing your day. ♥

August in the House



Tracy and Richard with The Naked Iguana Brewery auctioned off the last of their Founders Memberships. They asked that the proceeds go to a local charity. The winners and high bidders were Erin and Daniel Schutmaat, and they very generously decided to donate the entire \$5,500 to our Ronald McDonald House of Galveston!!! This lovely couple shares their time between League City and Galveston. And once again, our new friends Tracy and Richard show the love for our RMHG. ♥



Paula Friesner, Sunday Roberts, Sunday's mom and friends came to entertain the children with the story of The Rainbow Fish. The very fun event continued with a Rainbow Fish cupcake decorating party.



Javier Iglesias, the father of our weekend staff member Fatima, provided a Spiderman birthday cake for Joseph Mendoza. John Beatty, one of our valued volunteers, provides transportation for our families to local stores twice a month. And Santa continues to keep our guests spiffy with haircuts. If you'd like to schedule a special House event, please schedule with janie@rmhg.org

Heart Warming Yumminess

Our families constantly tell us how much the donated meals at our House mean to them. They are time and money savers for

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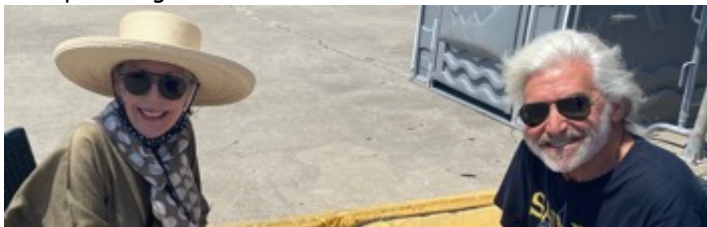
the families. They are respites after long days at the hospitals. They are comfort food. They are a time of community as patients and parents share their bread, their stories and their support. There are several individuals and groups that religiously supplied at least one meal a month for more than five years. We are indebted to them.

years of them driving from Dickinson/League City to provide homemade meals and desserts for the families.



The Galveston Lions Club started feeding the families in 1985 and have continued their donations to this day. In 1990 the Galveston Rotary Club gave their first support, and they have been providing meals since 2015.

The Temple Emanuel Church has served up their deliciousness since 2013.



Since 1992 Drs Pat Lanier and Bill Posnick have been sending meals, and Dr. Pat has served and donated to the families and House in many other ways all these years. She was especially indispensable before, during and after the Covid years.

Maryellen LeDuc and family have used her comforting food skills since 2017 and before. She has also donated so much of her time, goods and love as well as served the Board in so many capacities including President.



In 1997, Southwest Employees donated their first meal, and they have brought joy and love every month since then.

2017 was also the year that United We Stand began their loving service of providing us yummy repasts.



As reported in last month's House Happenings, the Cosmic Cookers have shared their love and delicious home cooking with us since 2000.

The Harvest Church of Jasper began their sojourns to our House in 2022. There are many others who have and are now sharing their helpfulness to us. In August the Heart of Refuge, the First Baptist Church, The Brick Family, Layers of Love, Vera Carmona and Ruth Yost brought meals. We thank all of you.



Would you like to help? Supporting families in their time of need is at the core of the mission of our House. There are a few different ways you can help.

The Moore Sisters started in 2014 and we're celebrating 10



1. Call and Schedule a time to visit and make a meal for the families.
2. Curbside delivered meal: Homemade meals can be delivered any day of the week for Lunch or Dinner! Sign up for a date and let us know what curbside meal you will be sharing.
3. Order/Deliver a meal: Order any delicious meal from restaurants to deliver or buy premade food from the store.
4. Sponsor a meal: Donate ANY amount to help cover the cost of the meal and we will take care of the rest! Go to the donation page. The average amount to feed RMHG families is around \$150

<https://www.rmhg.org/donate> For more information or to sign up to provide a meal contact us at (409)762-8770 or janie@rmhg.org. With your help, we can continue this vital component of our mission to support keeping families close to their child.



Happy Volunteer Anniversary

John Brick - 6 years
Stacey Rubio - 5 years
Mbinni Ghogomu - 1 year

And welcome to our new volunteers Beverly LaRock and Kimberly Lyke! Beverly is a retired RN relocated here from Maryland, and Kimberly is a high school student.

Family Fun Event!

What is our Family Fun Event? It's a day where the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier closes just for us. It's a day where everyone (and that means you!) is welcome as a sponsor or ticket holder. It's a day where you get all the rides, food, games and special surprises included. It's a day for families of all types and kids of all ages to have the very best time. It's a day where you can dress up for Halloween, or just enjoy being casual. It's a day that shows the very best of Galveston. Most of all, it's a day that's our biggest fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston. It's October 27th from 2 to 6 PM at the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier. Do you love roller coasters and amusement rides? Would you like to help seriously ill children and their families? Do you have children or grandchildren that like the rides? Would you like to give them a day of family fun while teaching them how to give back? Or would you just like to support a very good cause? Your support means so much to families of children being treated at UTMB and Shriners Children's Texas Hospital. Since our opening in 1989, we have served over 24,000 families who are primarily parents of preemies, burn or orthopedic patients. This day of fun brings smiles and good times to all and badly needed funds for our mission. Some sponsors have elected to give their tickets to Big Brothers and other children's organizations. We invite all to share in the fun. Look at how much fun these people had the last two years. Create lasting memories for your family. You'll be glad you did. Our children and families will really appreciate YOUR help.

Sponsorships available at <https://www.rmhg.org/annual-family-event> or by calling the House at (409) 762-8770 x5.



\$50,000 Iron Shark
80 Admissions
Prominent Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

\$25,000 Pirates Plunge
40 Admissions
Prominent Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

\$15,000 Rock N Roll
24 Admissions
Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

\$10,000 Cyclone
16 Admissions
Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

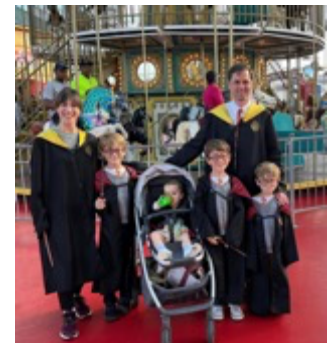
\$5,000 Pier Pileup
8 Admissions
Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

\$2,500 Sea Dragon
4 Admissions
Signage at Pier
Print & Social Media Recognition

\$1,000 Carousel
2 Admission
Print & Social Media Recognition

Our thanks to our supporters to date. You are our heroes!

- Alane and Bob Nuzum
- April & Dennis Darling
- Beverly and Andy Odem
- BMW MINI of Clear Lake
- Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust Fund
- Carnes Family
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- Sally Robinson
- Susan Falgout
- Susanne and Gerald Sullivan
- UTMB
- Winkie and Jerry Mohn





Fun Family Event Tickets

Family Pack - \$800 (4 Admissions)

Single Ticket - \$250 Each

Kids (Age 6-18) Single Ticket - \$150 Each

Kids 5 and under will be free / All Kids MUST be accompanied by an Adult

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Most Wanted



It's that time of year when school supplies are at special prices. We can always use backpacks and supplies. We send each child home with a backpack.

We are also in Hurricane Season. Like you, we want to be prepared! Our hurricane preparedness wish list includes:

- Portable Phone Bank Charger
- Lepro Camping Lanterns
- Emergency Weather Radio
- Battery Operated Portable Fans
- Batteries
- Bottled Water
- Non-perishable Snacks

Call ahead to let us know you're coming.

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

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

Let the sunshine in and a new month begin!

