



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

A Newsletter for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston Family



Our House is overflowing with blessings. Our donors, our volunteers, our staff, our board members, our "guest chefs", our friends and our community have all added their loving contributions in the last two months.

It proves once again this is truly the House That Love Built. The Holidays are a time for family, and you have shown you are all beloved members of the Ronald McDonald House Galveston Family. We delighted in the fun many of us shared in our Family Fun Event at the Historic Galveston Pleasure Pier (FFE), our special events at the House celebrating our families, and the gifts you have given us. We are looking forward to our next great events, the Cereal and Suds Run and our Lights of Love. We are humbled and very thankful for all we have received. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

- October 5 - Lonnie Harris
- October 8 - Kim Helm
- October 11 - Gloria Appell
- October 13 - Fatima Iglesias
- November 14 - Stacey Weber Rubio



Around the House

September and October were busy months at the House. Our families SO appreciate our loyal guest chefs who each month bring mealtime joy and yumminess. There were bingo sessions and movie outings thanks to Paula Friesner, Laurel Sukel and Lidia Polio and others. Santa spiffied up our guests with free haircuts. Christy & Rogan Bond, owners of Independence Coffee Co., dropped by to donate 25 bags of the best coffee ever. Dr. Pat Lanier hosted a face-painting seminar in preparation for the Family Fun Event and Lights of Love. Many thanks to all!



The Junior League has a long history of support since even before our House's inception. In September members came with the donation of a keyboard and a very fun sing-along musical event for our children and families.



They also donated children's books in Spanish, and as you can see, the kids love to read! They volunteered at our FFE, and member Ashley Murillo delivered 50 Halloween Bags.



We held a party to celebrate our guest Haydee's Birthday. We like to make those times away from home special at our "Home Away from Home". Rakel Ramirez brought the beautiful cake, Henry Puentes provided candy, and the Galveston Rotary donated the Piñata. One of our teenagers requested wings and fries for dinner.

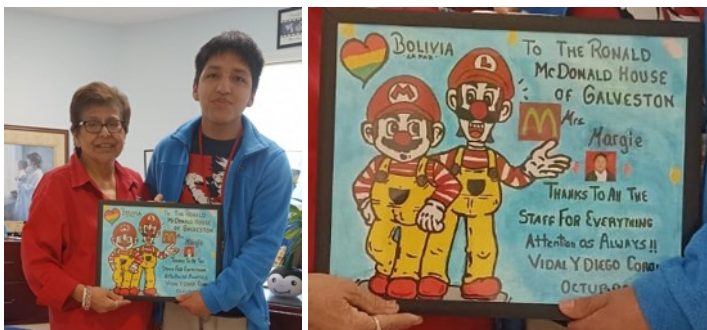




Our families gathered for a movie night at the House arranged by Paula Friesner and Laurel Sukel with help from the staff. Popcorn, movie and fun!



Pure Hearts and Hearts shared their hearts with our families with super yummy homemade sub sandwiches, fresh fruit salad, assorted chips and dessert.



Many of our patients return year after year for continued therapies. Diego is one of these who delights in being back at his "Home Away from Home." He showed his gratitude to the staff with delightful artwork.



Fatima & Javier Iglesias brought delight to our families with a catered dinner and scrumptious cake.



Valeria Nava Ramirez is another of our returning guests. She has been coming to RMHG since 2019. She makes the long journey from Guanajato, Mexico by bus with her parents. Other guests Jesse Castlow and his mother checked out after a month at our House. The Castlow family have a six-hour car ride home and hope to return in February.



Steven Richard and Samuel with Auto Nation Houston stopped by to deliver Drive Out Cancer pink gift bags for the children. They received a house tour and were eager to get involved in giving back to the children.



The Houston Big Game Fishing Club (one of our biggest supporters) once again hosted their Piggy Perch Fishing event at the Pelican Rest Marina. Five of our families had the very best time. The club served lunch and gave the kids trophies and gift bags as well as helping those with disabilities to "get some fish". What kid doesn't love fishing and getting trophies?



Southwest Airlines is a great friend to our House. Their employees have been dedicated donors of time, meals and funds for many years. We thank you for your very generous (and large) check!!



How beautiful are these handmade quilts recently donated to our House. They are true works of love. Thanks!



The National Charity League Space City Chapter came for a volunteer day at the House. It is heartwarming to see young people donating their time to our families.



A huge thank you to Texas International Terminals for working with our amazing board members to create storage solutions for our kids' toys and wonderful handicap-accessible outdoor tables.



Volunteer Kimberly Ann Lyke took time from her busy high school schedule to raise funds and purchase a much-needed van cargo carrier for the House. Thanks, Kimberly!



Only treats here! Paula Friesner, Laurel Sukel, Sunday and Shawn Roberts, Sheryl and Michael Bridge, Kimberly Lyke and Lidia Polio helped our families go trick or treating in the House's neighborhood. Kudos to the neighbors who enthusiastically opened their hearts. Needless to say, the kids were overjoyed at their haul of goodies. And we were overjoyed with their smiles. A big "Boo-Yah!" to all.



Attention Mahjongg Players

Sally Galbraith is once again ordering Mahjongg cards, with proceeds coming to our House. Over the years, we've received thousands of dollars from her efforts. The cards are \$14 for regular size and \$15 for large print. Please send Sally your order with your name, address, telephone number and check payable to Sally to 10 Colony Park Circle, Galveston 77551 BEFORE February 1, 2025. And be sure to tell your friends!



Upcoming Events

November 9 - Cereal and Suds Run

It's a mountain of love and needed products donated to our House. And a very fun event each year. If you're not coming by jeep, join us and see the parade of Jeeps and supporters. The parade is scheduled to arrive at the House at 10 AM.

Come Join Us November 9th Cereal & Suds Run

DONATE BOXED CEREAL AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT PODS

Meet at Texas City Buc-ee's between 8 am – 9:30 am. Drivers meeting will start at 9:30 am. Promptly at 10 am with police escort we will travel to the Ronald McDonald house in Galveston. Please follow one another safely (DO NOT USE YOUR HAZZARDS). Thank you. Have Fun, Be safe and Be Blessed.



Caravan down to Galveston with the Ronald McDonald Shoe Car!



How can YOU get involved?

Donate laundry detergent PODS, kid friendly boxed cereal, cash donations, and join us on November 9, 2024.

For more information:

Penny Ohlemacher 936.672.4455 or page at Suds Run.

November 30 - Artwalk

The Galveston Art Center comes once a week to give art parties. The children love expressing themselves with their art, which is such a great outlet for them. The Center is going to feature the children's works in their gallery at 2127 Strand at the November 30th Artwalk.

December 6 - Lights of Love

Bad weather didn't dim our lights last year, but let's hope for better weather this year to celebrate Galveston and our House.



3rd Annual Family Fun Event At the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier

It's our biggest event of the year and our primary fundraiser. It's also a time for FUN!!!! Rides, Food, Games, Drinks, Face Painting, special surprises - it had it all. It was a time the community came together for our children and families. It was a colossal undertaking, with many, many contributing their time and funds. A huge shout out to Fredell Rosen and Janice Pierson, the chairs of the event who brought home big proceeds to support our mission as a Home Away from Home for families of children seeking medical treatment at area hospitals. Our thanks to the following. The entire staff of the Pleasure Pier was wonderful in every sense of the word. There were so many who helped, we fear we may leave someone out. Please know that it is totally inadvertent, and we value your contribution! And of course it wouldn't have been possible at all without our sponsors.



Greeters:

- Mary Orange
- Michelle Byrd
- Pamela Gabriel
- Brandi Hawkings
- Sunday Roberts
- Bailey Samameh
- Heidi Seigel
- Quincy Seigel
- Laurel Sukel
- Antoinette Swinnea

Registration:

- Alane Nuzum
- Anne Murray
- Carolyn Nelson-Becker

Food and Beverage

- Michelle Beckwith
- Susan Falgout

Security

- Deputy Avery Aanderud
- Deputy Jason Lewis
- Lieutenant Juan Peña

Staff:

- Lucy Bourgeois
- Margie Chavarria
- Dave Lewis

Face Painters

- Jamie Ornelas
- Derek Sanford
- Nicole Gabler
- Ca-Lishea Woods
- Ashley Marullo
- Cara Moore
- Cara Welford
- Cheryl Jenkins
- Ann Simmons

- Jodie Trncak
- Pat Lanier

Special Guests

- Ronald McDonald
- The Hamburglar





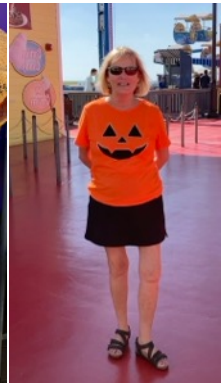
Our most sincerest thanks to our Event Sponsors. You're the best!

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Best Holiday Present Ever

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 online at: <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/rmhg> or call or email the House for an order form.



Our Staff is the very best. They work at the Ronald McDonald House because they know they are making a difference in the lives of the children and families. They provide the clean, safe, loving environment

that fosters healing. They are the heart of our Ronald McDonald House Galveston family.

Happy Work Anniversary

- Rebecca Diaz - 3 years
- Cynthia Tarr - 5 years

Volunteer News

We welcome our newest volunteers, Judy Fowler, Roxanne Harrison and Faye Harrison. We're so glad to have you in the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston family!

Happy Volunteer Anniversary

- Art Ramos - 2 Years
- Laurel Sukel - 2 Years
- *Shirley Jahn - 26 Years***

Fall Wish List

- Ziploc & Freezer Bags
- 50 ft yard water hose
- Gently used large duffle bags or luggage
- Scotch Tape - Comet Powder - Clorox Urine Remover Spray
- Carpet Fresh - Pledge Furniture Spray
- Cilantro Tomatoes - Salt - Tuna - Mayonnaise



Call ahead to let us know you're coming.
409-762-8770 - Curbside Delivery Hours - 9:00am-6:00pm

As we reflect on our blessings of the past year, we have special memories of the children, their families and all of you. Although they are going through some very difficult times, the smiles and comfort you bring lessen the pain and suffering. Know that you and your loved ones are blessed!



Happy Thanksgiving

