

Volunteer Services Newsletter

August 2024

Thank You for Supporting the Family Room

The Ronald McDonald Family Room Agreement with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta — Scottish Rite ends on August 5, 2024. With the new Arthur M. Blank Hospital opening in late September, the oncology/ hematology unit will transfer services to it.



The Ronald McDonald Family Room program has been a crucial part of the oncology/hematology unit by providing a comfortable and safe space of respite, providing warm meals, snacks, and positive distractions with activity kits and gifts. Thank you!

The Family Room helped families by providing **296,500 respite visits** and more than **2,400 meals** to caregivers, patients, and their loved ones. We cannot thank you enough for all the support you have provided! Volunteers truly are the heartbeat of our programs. A million times, thank you!

Learn more about the Family Room transition <u>here</u>. If you are interested in supporting one of the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses, email <u>volunteerservices@armhc.org</u>. There are individual, group, and meal opportunities available at both Atlanta Houses.

Culinary Opportunities

Internship Available

A Culinary Internship is a paid position to assist in all aspects of food preparation, planning diverse menus with the Chefs and providing nutritious meals for families who rely on the Atlanta Houses. If you or someone you know would be a good fit, **learn more here!**

Volunteer Opportunities

The House near Scottish Rite needs kitchen volunteers! These volunteers will help Chef Cory with prepping and cooking food, pre-portioning meals, and sorting through food donations. Shifts are available between noon and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If interested in working with Chef Cory, contact <u>Christina Austin Smith</u>.



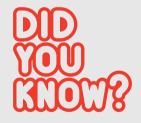
Meal Heroes Needed

Ronald McDonald House near Scottish Rite:

August 10, 24, and 31

Ronald McDonald House near Egleston:

August 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31



The Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses have an <u>Amazon Wish List</u> that is updated regularly. By shopping this way, you can have the highestneed items shipped directly to the Houses!

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Happy Service Anniversary!

6 Years

Angie Brenneman LuAnn Ardillo Mayra Mirchandani

Fun Fact



August 3 is National Watermelon Day!



Questions? Contact Us

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Calling all Heroes! The Houses Need You!

The Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses are experiencing record increases in the demand for our services. The Houses have remained full, and we are continuing to support families through our partner hotels. With the increases in costs for food, lodging, and transportation, we need your help to ensure

children can remain close to their caregivers as they receive medical treatment.

Please give today; any amount will help! If you would like to make this donation monthly, consider becoming one of our House Heroes. You can learn more about being a House Hero here!

Calling all College Volunteers!

The College Representatives program application is now live!

Chosen students will support the mission of Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities within their college and local communities. In addition to volunteering onsite, students will support the charity through independently held events in their community that help raise awareness and engage community members in the organization's mission.

Click <u>here</u> to apply today!

Volunteer at an ARMHC Event



Save the date for Wine & Fries on Thursday, September 12, at Brasfield & Gorrie. We are looking for volunteers to help Chefs Jeff & Cory serve delicious hors d'oeuvres! Please contact <u>Bridget</u> or <u>Christina</u> to sign up.



Save the date for the 15th annual Gala on Saturday, October 5, at The Foundry at Puritan Mill. Volunteers are needed to help with this fantastic event, so contact <u>Bridget</u> or <u>Christina</u> if you would like to sign up!



The mission of Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.