

Volunteer Newsletter AUGUST 2021



Hello missed volunteers! Take a peek at what has been happening around the Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Room.



Meet Aden Womack, 4, and his mom, Chelsea Pope, who stayed with us for 8 weeks, including 2 weeks at a partner hotel, so Aden could complete the Multidisciplinary Feeding Program at the Marcus Autism Center.

"The House team was very accommodating and kind in providing us a safe place to stay close to the facility," Chelsea says. "Aden looked forward to returning to the House after a six-hour day of therapy and just playing — this definitely made it easier for

Aden's favorite thing about staying with at the House are the toys. "He loved his gifts," Chelsea says, including his superhero accessories." Honestly, we wouldn't have been able to successfully complete his treatment without the Ronald McDonald House," Chelsea says. "It made a huge difference. Aden looked forward to a good bath, rest, and peace of mind. That reset made it easier to keep his corporation during treatment."

Fun Fact Alert

Did you know, fish can get sunburn? but it is unusual unless there is something about their environment that does not allow them to seek deeper water or some kind of shelter.



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Ronald McDonald House Charities

- Meals
 - Self-Care Kits
- Laundry kits
- Restaurant Gift Cards
 - Snack Bags

Highlights of the Month



Meafferoes Needed

Available dates at our Peachtree Dunwoody House: 8/9, 8/21, 8/22, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30

Available Dates at our Gatewood House: 8/9, 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/15, 8/17, 8/22, 8/23, 8/24, 8/28, 8/30, 8/31

Available Dates at our Family Room: 8/8, 8/11, 8/15, 8/16, 8/21, 8/22, 8/25, 8/8/29, 8/30

Volunteer Anniversaries

5 Years

Alexandra Thim, Laura Sadd, Nancy Sprott, Susie Scharfman, Katelyn Kurtz-Lane,

4 Years

Howard & Marcia Rohan, Mildred Savory, Patti Folio, Shannon Warchalowsky, Ashley Meaders

3 Years

Ashley DaCosta, Lisa Anderson, LuAnn Ardillo, Mayra Mirchandani, Minita Singh

2 Years

Judith Weidman, Shannon Stevenson

Questions? Contact us!

Our House near Scottish Rite, contact Aleea Bishop at <u>aleea.bishop@armhc.org</u>
Our House near Egleston, contact Ansley Wetherington at <u>ansley.wetherington@armhc.org</u>
Our Family Room, contact Jamesse Webb at <u>jamesse.webb@armhc.org</u>

Learn about our Meals that I teal

Our Meals that Heal program provides a much-needed support service to families taking care of their sick children, and often don't have the time, funds, or energy to prepare a healthy, home-cooked meal. After a long day at the hospital or clinic, a hot meal is a welcome gift.

That need has not diminished during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, to lessen the risk of potential exposure for our families, we only accept catered meal donations at this time.

With our new Meals That Heal program, you can provide a warm meal for all the families at our House without ever leaving your own, all while supporting local businesses during this challenging time. You may contact any of the establishments below or the restaurant/catering service of your choice, place an order, and have it delivered to the Ronald McDonald House on your day to serve. Can't provide a whole meal? No problem! You can make a donation to our Meals that Heal program, and we'll coordinate the rest.

However you choose to participate in our Meals That Heal program, please know that we are thoroughly grateful for your support. Your kindness and generosity in providing a catered meal make you a contributor in what is often the best part of our families' day.

Learn more here!

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BMW Raffle Event

Enter for a chance to win your choice of a 2022 BMW M235i Gran Coupe or BMW 430i Coupe or BMW X3, courtesy of your Atlanta Area BMW Centers. You can buy tickets here.



12th Annual Hearts and Hands Gala

Join us for the 12th Annual Hearts and Hands Gala, presented by The Coca-Cola Company, on Saturday, October 16.

We will gather under the stars at the historic Donaldson-Bannister Farm in Dunwoody, Georgia, to celebrate and honor more than 40 years of keeping families close. Learn more here!

Take our survey!

Our team wants to know how we can improve our Guest Services Volunteer program upon your return. We are looking at what ways we can cater to your needs and our families' needs. Please take our survey to help us determine what changes are necessary! Click HERE to access the survey.

