



# Volunteer Services Newsletter

November 2023

## 14th Annual Hearts and Hands Gala

Thank you! The 2023 Hearts and Hands Gala raised \$520,000 to support families who rely on the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. The gala honored longtime supporter and volunteer, Bob Ward, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the families.

This incredible event is not possible without your generosity and support. Planning is already underway for the 15th Annual Gala.



## Ronald's Holiday Hot Cocoa Shop

Be a part of **Ronald's Holiday Hot Cocoa Shop**- a special holiday toy store where our families can do all of their shopping free of charge.

Ronald's Holiday Hot Cocoa Shop runs from December 13 to December 30. Volunteers have the opportunity to shop with families, stock shelves, wrap presents and more! To learn more about Ronald's Hot Cocoa Shop, [click here](#).

If you are interested in volunteering in Ronald's Holiday Hot Cocoa Shop, please email us at [volunteerservices@armhc.org](mailto:volunteerservices@armhc.org).

[Click here for the Holiday Wish List!](#)



## Meals Heroes Needed

### Ronald McDonald House near Scottish Rite:

November 24, 25  
December: 7, 13, 20, 23,  
Christmas Eve, 26, 28, 29,  
and New Year's Eve

### Ronald McDonald House near Eggleston:

November: 29  
December: 9, 18, 23,  
Christmas eve, 26, 27, 28,  
30 and New Year's Eve

### Ronald McDonald Family Room:

November: 18, 19, 20, 24,  
and 26  
December: 3, 4, 10, 13, 18,  
23, Christmas Eve and New  
Year's Eve



## Urgent Wish List Needs

- Coffee creamer
- Sugar packets
- Hot chocolate
- Individual drinks
- Silicone pot holders
- Paper plates and bowls
- Dish towels



## Happy Service Anniversary!

**1 Year**

Phyllis Wise  
Jill Cody  
Anna Grove

**4 Years**

Lori Beck  
Ruby Miles

**5 years**

Joann Vitelli



## Fun Fact!

World Kindness Day was celebrated on November 13. The day provides an opportunity to reflect upon one of the most important and unifying principles - Kindness.

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

[April Clark](#), Director of Family and Volunteer Services

[Sarah Parrish](#), Manager of Volunteer Services

[Bridget Barrett](#), Volunteer Services Coordinator

[Mekayla Davis](#), Family Room Coordinator

## Culinary Volunteers Needed!

Looking to brush up on your culinary skills or learn something new? This opportunity to help Chef Jeff in the kitchen is offered on weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., or as needed. Contact [Sarah](#) or [Bridget](#) if you are interested!



# GIVING TUESDAY

## Save the Date for Tuesday, November 28!

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving that occurs on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Please give back in whatever way you can.

Because of friends like you, Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses have supported a record number of families this year. Thank you for all that you do to help.

## Spring Internships for 2024 — Apply today!

### Family and Volunteer Services Intern

This intern supports our operations team and assists in all aspects of assisting families staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses, as well as managing, recruiting and training volunteers. Additional responsibilities will include but are not limited to: assisting the House team with family check-ins, attending events, database entry and administrative duties.

### Special Events Intern

This intern helps with event planning for the Charity, including guest logistics, vendor and donor communication, website copy and updates, database entry and other administrative duties. The Special Events intern must be detail-oriented, a strong written and verbal communicator and passionate about the Atlanta RMHC mission.

[Learn more about the internships and how to apply!](#)