



Volunteer Services Newsletter

October 2023

Welcome our new team members!



Bridget Barrett joined our team as Volunteer Services Coordinator at our Ronald McDonald House near Egleston.

Bridget comes to us from Thrive Community, an organization focusing on providing a safe and impactful environment for adults with special needs and disabilities. Bridget has a background in Child and Family Development with a concentration in Child Life from Georgia Southern University.



Mekayla Davis will be joining our team as Family Room Coordinator at our Ronald McDonald Family Room at Scottish Rite on Monday, October 9.

Mekayla has a background in Sociology from Georgia State University. She joins us from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta — Egleston, where she was an Unit Secretary in the Emergency Department. Before her role at Egleston, Mekayla served as a Customer Service Representative for six years at the Wolfcreek Golf Course. She has a passion for golf, helping others and giving back to the community.

Some of you may have already met Mekayla through our Family Room Program. She has been a committed and active Family Room volunteer since 2019.



Special visit from the Atlanta Falcons!

Two Atlanta Falcons players surprised families at our Ronald McDonald House near Scottish Rite on September 18. They helped paint handcrafted ceramic hearts made by our wonderful volunteer, Mr. Tom.

These one-of-a-kind hearts will be sold at our upcoming Hearts & Hands Gala, so guests can take home a piece of the House.



Meals Heroes Needed

Ronald McDonald House near Scottish Rite:

October 6, 7, 9, 28, 30 and Halloween

Ronald McDonald House near Egleston:

October: 6, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30 and Halloween

Ronald McDonald Family Room:

October: 8, 15, 16, 21, 22, 29 and 30



Urgent Wish List Needs

- Coffee creamer
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate
- Individual drinks
- Snacks
- Breakfast items (frozen)
- Paper plates and bowls
- Disposable cups (hot & cold)
- To-go-food containers



Happy Service Anniversary!

1 Year

Emily Yan
Julie Altenbach

4 Years

Courtney Tierney

6 years

Angelica Boney
Becky Levy
Jenny Petry



Fun Fact!

Baseball playoffs begin this month with the World Series beginning October 27. Let's cheer on our Atlanta Braves!

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!

Brushing up on your culinary skills or learning something new, we are looking for volunteers to help prepare meals with Chef Jeff for our families. This opportunity is offered on weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., or as needed. Contact [Sarah](#) or [Bridget](#) if you are interested!



Happy Cartober!

Cartober is a national campaign created by CARS that raises awareness around this powerful way of giving. It brings the community together in the drive for change – facilitating the donations of unwanted cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, or boats to nonprofits. [Learn more here](#) about how you can use your vehicle to support families, or contact Shan Hayes at shan.hayes@armhc.org or 678.704.8092.

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 our Ronald McDonald Houses, as well as managing, recruiting and training volunteers. Additional responsibilities will include but are not limited to: assisting our 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 our internships and how to apply!](#)