



# Volunteer Services Newsletter

October 2024

## Gala: A Night to Remember

Thank you for making the 15th Annual Gala a stunning success! More than 500 guests danced the night away on October 5. Guests went home with some amazing items, from a diamond tennis bracelet to a new puppy, and **raised \$600,000 to support ARMHC families, like the Andrews.**



We could not have had such a successful event without the help of our incredible volunteers! [Click here to learn about the events impact and view photos from the night.](#)



## Help Build a New House in Atlanta

We are building our newest Ronald McDonald House on the campus of the Arthur M. Blank Hospital, which opened September 29. This 110-room House will open in late 2025 and will double our capacity to meet the growing need of families.



Since 2022, there has been a 93% increase in the demand for our services. We look forward to serving more families than ever, but we can't do it without your help! [Look inside our New World of Care and learn how you can help care for more families.](#)



## Meal Heroes Needed

**Ronald McDonald House  
near Scottish Rite:**

November 8 and Thanksgiving

**Ronald McDonald House  
near Arthur M. Blank:**

October 13, 17, 21, 26, 27, 28,  
29, and 30;  
November 4, 5, 7, 19, 21, 24,  
25, 26, 27, Thanksgiving, 29,  
and 30

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses have an [Amazon Wish List](#) that is updated regularly.

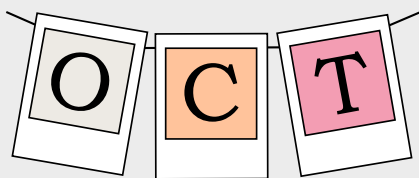
By shopping this way, you can have the highest-need items shipped directly to the Houses!

## Happy Service Anniversary!

**2 years**  
Julie Altenbach

**7 Years**  
Becky Levy

## Fun Fact



**More than 50% of people in the U.S. buy a pumpkin in October. That's over \$700 million of pumpkin purchases!**



## Questions? Contact Us

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## Turn your ride into a vehicle for change

Celebrate Cartober by turning your ride into a vehicle for change for the families who rely on the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. We accept all types of vehicles, including cars, boats, motorcycles, trucks, and RVs. The vehicle does not have to be in working condition to be donated. **[Click here to schedule your pick-up](#)**, and we'll handle the rest! For questions or more information, contact [Shan Hayes](#).



## Holiday Shop Volunteers

It's almost that time of year again! Every year, the community spaces at the two Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses are transformed into a winter wonderland of fun. Stocked by donors and volunteers, the Holiday Shops allow families to select presents for their loved ones. We need you to help create the magic of the Holiday Shop! Be on the lookout for more information regarding wish lists and sign-up opportunities in the coming months!



"I'm so thankful for Ronald's Holiday Shop! It has been amazing and such a lifesaver. I picked out the cutest princess shoes for my daughter and brought them to her in the hospital. She was so excited about them — she stood up and walked for the first time in 3 months!" — Atlanta RMHC Guest

## Looking for a new ride? Enter the 2024 Raffle



Take advantage of incredible odds and enter to win your choice of three amazing BMWs! You win big and families with a sick child get what they need most — each other. Only 3,000 tickets will sold. Tickets are \$100.

**[Get yours today!](#)** The 2024 Raffle ends at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, November 6.



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.