



# Volunteer Newsletter

## September 2022



# Our Ronald McDonald Family Room Celebrates its Fifth Anniversary



On August 28, our Family Room celebrated its fifth Anniversary. We received an abundance of donations from our wonderful volunteers to celebrate this special milestone. Thank you to our supporters for making our anniversary celebration one to remember! The donations are a meaningful way to make an incredible impact on our families, even from a distance. We appreciate your time and talents during our first five years!

# Meet our new Team Members!

## Jeff Freehof

Culinary Manager,  
Our House near Egleston

Jeff is an award winning chef and joins our team with more than 3 decades of culinary experience. Volunteers will soon have the option to cook with Chef Jeff at our Gatewood House as we strive to provide healthier and more diverse meal options for the families we serve. Jeff is beyond excited to join the Atlanta RMHC team and bring comfort to our families through food. Learn more about Chef Jeff

[here.](#)



## Blakely Willard

Volunteer Services and  
Program Coordinator,  
Our House near Egleston

Blakely is an Atlanta native and joins our team after completing a yearlong Volunteer Services Internship at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. For those of you who volunteer at Egleston or Scottish Rite, she might be a familiar face. Blakely has a true passion for serving others and is very excited to join our team.



*Double your Impact*

## Help Twice as Many Kids Beat Cancer

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In honor of our youngest heroes, two Hearts & Hands Society members have pledged to match all gifts received by September 30 up to \$20,000.

Please consider **making a gift today** in honor of two-time cancer champion Tripp Lasseter and his family. You can read more about Tripp's journey and see the difference you made for Tripp and his family **here**.

Together we can help more kids like Tripp beat cancer!





## Fun Fact Alert

September once only had 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC, the month now has 30 days.



# CHILDHOOD CANCER

AWARENESS MONTH

## SOS Needed Wish List Items

- Individual drinks, all kinds
- Keurig K-Cups
- Individual Coffee Creamers
- Individual sweet and salty snacks
- Frozen breakfast items
- Dish soap
- Paper Plates & Bowls
- Disposable cups
- To-go food containers
- Ziplock bags, Gallon & Quart size

## Meal Heroes Needed

**Available Dates at our  
Ronald McDonald House near Scottish  
Rite:**

September: 11, 20 and 23

**Available Dates at our  
Ronald McDonald House near Egleston:**

September: today, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20,  
24, 25, 26 and 29

**Available Dates at our  
Ronald McDonald Family Room:**

September: 11, 18 and 25

## Volunteer Anniversaries

### 9 Years

Laird Hoover

### 6 Years

Katie Buchanan

### 5 Years

Judy Landers

### 4 Years

Christy Fine

### 3 Years

Ruby Miles  
Penney Cohen

# Upcoming Events

## 13th Annual Hearts and Hands Gala

Join us on **Saturday, October 8**, for our 13th Annual **Hearts and Hands Gala**, presented by The Coca-Cola Company, at Zoo Atlanta. Celebrate our mission and honoree **Chef Chris Hall**, longtime board member. From the music and menu to the flair and attire, let's 'Everybody Have Fun Tonight' '80s and '90s style.

Click [here](#) to learn more!

**Volunteer Opportunities Available**

Click [here](#) to sign up!



## 2nd Annual Tennis Event

Save the date! Join us **November 11** for the **second Atlanta RMHC Tennis Event**, a mixed doubles round robin, in celebration of the life of John Clarke Skogstad. The event will include a day of tennis, lunch and prizes for the winners. Proceeds benefit the families staying with Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities.

**Registration link coming soon**



Keeping families close™