



Dear Prospective Teen Council Member,

Thank you for your interest in Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities' (ARMHC) Teen Council. Our Teen Council Members are a very special group of students who make a valuable contribution to our Houses as well as gain a truly unique experience. Students between the ages of 14 and 18 may be selected to serve on the Teen Council based on past experiences and their application. These students will advocate independently for ARMHC.

ARMHC Teen Council will serve from October 2017 to May 2018. All applicants must be at least freshmen in high school for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested teens must agree to successfully complete the **"Independent Study Program"** commitments which are outlined on page 2 of this packet.

All materials included in this packet must be received by Kelsey McCullough, Volunteer Services Manager by Wednesday, September 27, 2017. For those new to the Council, please note that one person, unrelated to you, will need to fill out the enclosed recommendation form and return to you for inclusion in your completed application packet. All applications will be taken into consideration and reviewed. We may also be contacting references for further questions about recommendations.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by e-mail by September 30th. Once you have been accepted into the program, the next step will be to attend a mandatory orientation on Sunday, October 8th at 3-5pm at our House near Egelston.

We look forward to hearing from you! If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey McCullough at kelsey.mccullough@armhc.org or 678-704-8098.

Sincerely,

Jessica Perez *Kelsey McCullough*

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Teen Council Initiatives

Christmas Drive/Santa's Workshop & Wish List Drive:

- Christmas Wish List Drive (due December 3rd)
- Participate in Santa's Workshop at ARMHC
- Members will collect needed item(s) off ARMHC Holiday Wish List

Provide Dinner @ House: May 6th

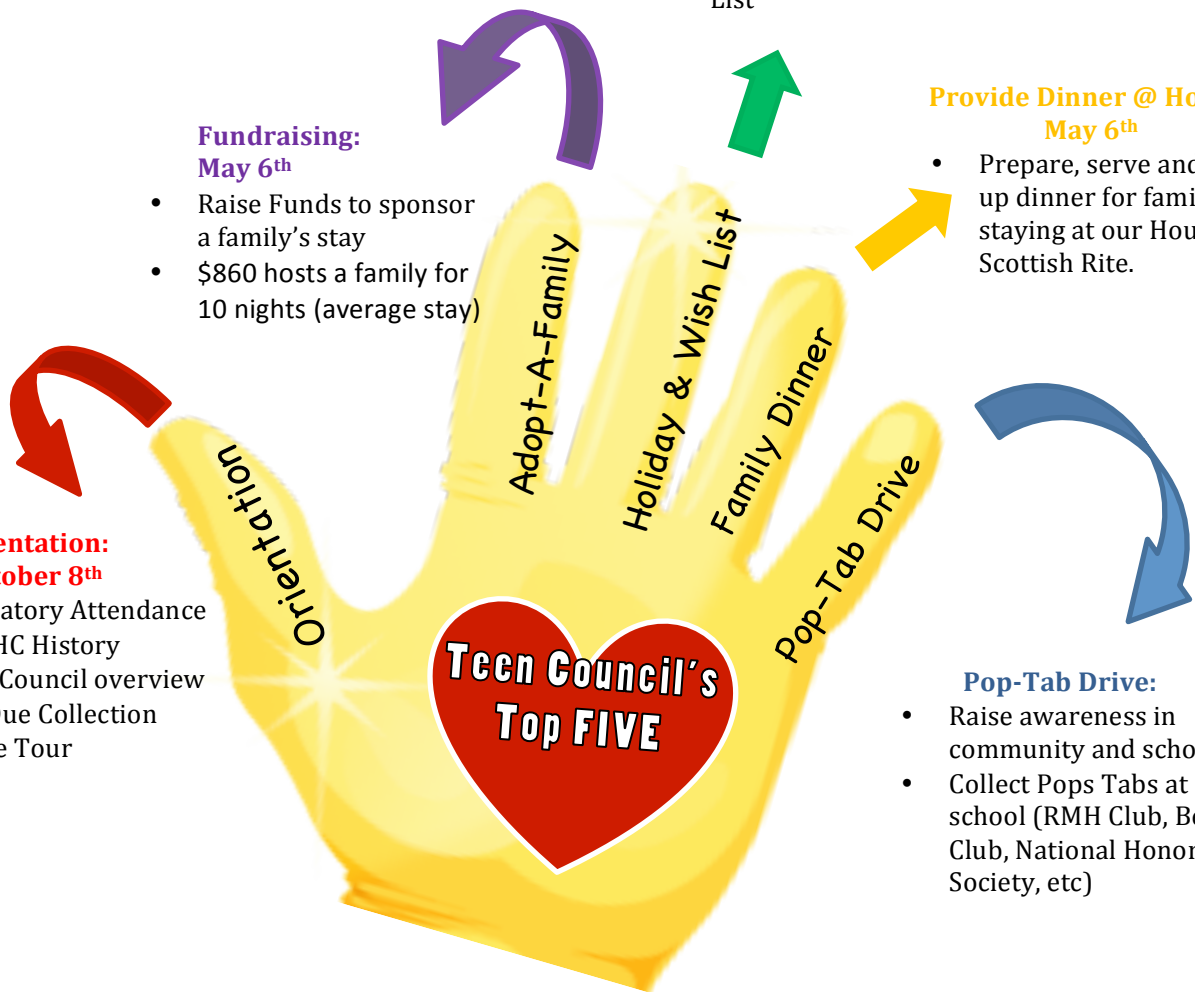
- Prepare, serve and clean-up dinner for families staying at our House near Scottish Rite.

Fundraising: May 6th

- Raise Funds to sponsor a family's stay
- \$860 hosts a family for 10 nights (average stay)

Orientation: October 8th

- Mandatory Attendance
- ARMHC History
- Teen Council overview
- \$20 Due Collection
- House Tour



Pop-Tab Drive:

- Raise awareness in community and school
- Collect Pops Tabs at school (RMH Club, Beta Club, National Honor Society, etc)

*** Meetings are mandatory to be considered for Teen Council ***



TEEN COUNCIL FACT SHEET

Purpose of Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities

Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities (ARMHC) is dedicated to serving the needs of children by providing temporary housing and support services to families of critically ill and injured children being treated at local hospitals and by making scholarships available to qualifying high school seniors.

Purpose of Teen Council

The purpose of Teen Council is to empower and equip students to be advocates in their community and school to support the mission of Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Teen Council Description

If chosen to participate in the 2017-2018 Teen Council, students will be required to partake in four mandatory meetings, including orientation, throughout the school year. (October 8th- Orientation, December 3rd, February 25th, May 6th)

Please note: Members must be self-motivated to complete their own assignments outside of meetings.

Location of Meetings

Mandatory Meetings are held Sunday afternoons/evenings at one of our House locations. *If there is a known conflict with these dates, please notify Jessica Perez before Orientation on October 8th.

- **October 8th from 3-5pm** @ our House near Egelston (Bring \$20 for membership fee)
- **December 3rd from 3-5pm** @ our House near Scottish Rite
- **February 25th from 3-5pm** @ our House near Egelston
- **May 6th from 3-7:30pm** @ our House near Scottish Rite
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Program Commitments

- A one-year commitment with the possibility of continued service throughout high school.
- Active attendance and participation in meetings, activities and fundraisers.
- Each member required to complete the "Five"-- approved tasks before scheduled deadlines.
- Must pay \$20 membership fee (t-shirt included).
- Raise awareness about ARMHC in school and community.
- This is an "**Independent Study Program.**"
- Teen Council focuses on **individual tasks** members will do in between meetings to support ARMHC.

Target Group

- High School students from public and private schools within Atlanta. Students must be in grades 9-12 to be eligible for Teen Council.
- Highly self-motivated, enthusiastic individuals who are willing to advocate for ARMHC.



Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities Teen Council Application 2016-2017

Name

Phone

Address

City/Zip/State

Date of Birth

E-Mail Address

High School

Grade entering in August 2016

Clubs/Activities:

Why do you believe it is important to help those in your community who are in need or going through a stressful/difficult time?

Please give an example of how you have taken the initiative to lead in the past. What was the impact?

What do you hope to gain from participating in this program?

If selected for Teen Council, are you interested in a leadership role? If yes, please briefly explain what you could contribute as a leader.

References

Please provide one (1) letter of reference with your application. The reference form is attached. References must be 21 years of age or older and non-family members. **Returning members do not need a reference.**

Teen Council Commitments:

I promise to fulfill my obligation as a member of the ARMHC Teen Council. I will commit to serving one year on the Council and attending the mandatory 4 meetings. I understand I will independently advocate for ARMHC and will work with the leaders of my school to raise awareness and support ARMHC.

PROSPECTIVE TEEN COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

Please return your completed application packet to Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities no later than Wednesday, September 26th. Students selected to serve on the 2017-2018 Teen Council will be notified the following week. Please contact Kelsey McCullough at kelsey.mccullough@armhc.org or at 678-704-8098.



Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities Teen Council Recommendation Form

_____ has expressed a desire to join the **ARMHC Teen Council** at the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. Each potential Teen Council member must submit a letter of recommendation from a professional. **Please write a brief statement of recommendation regarding the applicant's character, general attitude, dependability, personality and ability to cooperate. Also, please elaborate on how this student is self-motivated and an independently driven student.**

Please complete and mail to: If you have any questions please contact Kelsey McCullough at 678-704-8098. Thank you for assisting us in this matter. Please complete and mail to:

Kelsey McCullough
795 Gatewood Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

Please Print

NAME

DATE

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT

HOME PHONE AND/OR WORK PHONE

SIGNATURE

COMMENTS: If you need additional space, please use the back of this form.
