



Ronald McDonald House

of Western Michigan

December 2009

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Ronald McDonald House Wish List

For a printable version of the wish list, please visit our website at

www.wmrmh.org/wish_list.php

Office Supplies

- Copy paper (white, letter size)
- Dry erase markers (black, large point)
- Presentation easel

Linens/Personal Supplies

- Plastic mattress covers (full or twin)
- Mattress pads (full or twin)
- Bath mats
- Personal care items (trial size)
- Crib and bassinet sheets
- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins

Cleaning/Laundry Products

- Laundry detergent (powdered)
- Fabric softener sheets
- Dishwasher detergent (powdered)
- Windex, all purpose cleaner
- Disinfectant spray
- Paper towel & napkins

Kitchen Items

- Trash bags
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Aluminum foil & Handi-wrap
- Towels and dishcloths

Foods (Please check all donated food items to ensure they have not passed their expiration date)

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Frozen dinners (entrees)

A Ronald McDonald House Success Story One Year Later

It was October 31, 2008 when the Raines family came to join the Ronald McDonald House family. The family had just welcomed their

twin boys Aiden and Anthony who were born early at 29 weeks and 3 days. For 39 days, the Raines family stayed at the House as they watched the twins grow. "I can't tell you how nice it was after spending the day and often very late evenings at the NICU to come home...the generosity of so many people blew me away!" This holiday season, the Ronald McDonald House celebrates as the Raines twins are one year old and doing well. "When you are going through such a tough time and to know that so many people care so much...it is beyond words!"



Through your donation to our House, we are able to continue providing a hot shower, warm bed, and all the comforts of home for these families. Consider showing your thanks this Holiday season through a donation from your house to ours so that we can continue to provide a place to care...to touch...to heal.

Donate and Save



This holiday season, the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan and Michigan Blood are teaming up to help families and save lives in the process. For each pint of blood donated between

- Frozen meats (chicken & ground beef)
- Canned meat (tuna & chicken)
- Canned soup, ravioli, & spaghetti
- Canned fruit, applesauce
- Boxed dinners, taco shells
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta & rice sides
- Cooking oil, shortening
- Breakfast cereal, pancake mix, syrup
- Crackers, chips, snack foods
- Coffee, creamer, salt, pepper, sugar
- Jell-O, pudding, muffin & cake mixes
- Milk, yogurt, cheese & juice
- Frozen waffles, French toast
- Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise

Guest Amenities

- Movie and entertainment tickets
- Event tickets
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Grocery store gift certificates/cards
- Long distance calling cards (30 min.)
- Gasoline gift certificates/cards
- DVD movies (for children & adults)

Special Needs/Services

- Light bulbs (full spectrum, 60 watt)
- Carpet / furniture cleaning
- Window cleaning
- Printing
- New Bench
- Decks power washed & sealed

Contact Cindy Keller at ckeller@wmrmh.org with questions.

Happy Birthday Volunteers!

Happy Birthday from all of us at the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan!

December

Helen Skougis - 2
 Jan Knape - 12
 Peter Satterthwaite - 15
 Scott Sorenson - 15
 Scott Brown - 16
 Joannie Hoffman - 16
 Mindy Pierman - 19
 Kathy Comperchio - 21
 Linda Blue - 24
 Tea Underwood - 25

December 28th and January 8th, the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan will receive \$1. With your help, we can raise a significant amount of money to help the families of the Ronald McDonald House.

Please note that all donations must be made at the main campus of the blood bank located on Fuller Avenue.

So join forces with the House and Michigan Blood as we work to help families and save lives in the process. For more information on this event, contact Joe Dulin, Director of Development, at jdulin@wmrmh.org or at 616-776-1300 ext. 36

A Grand Rapids Student Represents the House at National American Miss Pageant

Over the past 6 months, Allison Dyke has been working hard volunteering at the House. After visiting the House with her mom for Bissell clean-up day in May, Allison decided to make the House her charity of choice to represent at the National American Miss Pageant in California. After collecting wish list items and volunteering at the House, Allison set off to California where she won National Cover Girl. Congratulations to Allison from the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan and thanks for all of your support!

Ronald McDonald House Brings the Holidays Home

On December 16, 2009, the Ronald McDonald House hosted its first Home for the Holidays party.



true success!

Hundreds attended as Michael Crittenden and the Troll for Trout Trio, Phil Biggs, and Mid-Life Crises brought the holiday spirit to the House. The party was a true success as the community came in to see and support the House that love built. Thanks to everyone who made the evening a

Our House on Facebook!



The Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan recently launched its very own Facebook page to provide an opportunity for families to connect, volunteers to share stories, and donors to be updated on House happenings. We invite you to be our friend on Facebook. To "friend" the House, simply log-in to your personal Facebook account and search "Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan."

Thank You McMeal Makers!

Our guests truly appreciate returning to the House for a "home-cooked" meal. Thank you McMeal Makers!

November

Rotary Club
Amway - Kim Phillips
On the Border
Papa John's Pizza
GVSU Marketing Group
Amway Protection Services
McDonald's Leonard Street
Sandy Lowery
The Red Hat Ladies
GVSU Circle K
Byron Center CRC
GVSU Campus Ministries
Monica's Gourmet Cookies and Catering
Amway - Bette McCune
Helen Boruta
Comstock Park High School
C3 Ministries
First Congregational Church
Fazoli's
Barnes Family
Jennifer Bowman
Kelly Myers
Kent Neuro
Sunshine Church MOPS
For more information or to schedule a date to provide a meal for our guests, contact Megan Priester, Guest and Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 616-776-1300 or at mpriester@wrmrh.org

(Note: you must search the House name in its entirety in order to find our page). Then click on "become a fan" below the House profile picture and join all of those who are impacted by the House.

Join us as we explore new ways to share the exciting happenings of the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan via stories, updates, and pictures. Facebook provides a continuing place for past and previous families and volunteers to have a place "to care...to touch...to heal."

Volunteers - The Heart of Our House

The Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan is currently recruiting volunteers for the following positions:

McCookie Bakers: People willing to come into the House for a couple of hours and bake cookies for our House guests. McCookie Bakers can volunteer on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis. If baking in the House is not an option, McCookie Bakers can drop off store bought cookies to the House instead.

McMeal Makers: Individuals or Groups who can cook breakfast, lunch, or dinner for our House guests on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis. All meals must be prepared in House.

Housewarmers: Individuals are primarily responsible for ensuring a clean and comfortable environment for our guests. They are expected to interact with guest families in a warm and friendly manner and to refer guests with concerns to the appropriate staff member.

Shuttle Drivers: Shuttle Drivers provide transportation for guest families to and from local hospitals, medical facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, and local attractions that provide family passes/event tickets. They assist with receipt and storage of donated items, household chores, and run errands for general house operations.

For questions, please contact Megan Priester, Guest and Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (616) 776-1300, ext. 31 or mpriester@wrmrh.org

Happy Holidays...



From the House that Love Built!

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