



Ronald McDonald House

of Western Michigan

November 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

A Season of Thanks...

Thanksgiving, a time of year that we specifically set aside to think about all of the things we are thankful for. As the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan reflects back on the last year, we have a lot to be thankful for... hundreds of volunteers that

care about our families...hundreds of families helped...and a community that is so willing to support us. However, there are still families that need our help. Families that are struggling as their newborn fights for life, families that are striving to understand a child's psychiatric disorder, families working to give the best possible care to their child diagnosed with cancer. All of these are the families we serve on a day to day basis at the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan by providing a *home away from home* where these families can relax and rejuvenate after a long battle.

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 Thanksgiving season through a donation from your house to ours so that we can continue to provide a place *to care...to touch...to heal*.



"No Place Like Home" A True Success

The Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan hosted its second annual "No Place Like Home" Benefit Dinner & Auction on October 22, 2009 at the Thousand Oaks Country Club. The generosity of those who attended made the evening a true success, as our community gathered to support the "house that love built." The evening included dinner, auction and music performed by the Troll for Trout Trio. Ronald McDonald was in attendance as well as WZZM-13 TV personality Juliet Dragos. Special thanks to all the Sponsors and Guests who made our evening possible!

donated food items to ensure they have not passed their expiration date)

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Frozen dinners (entrees)
- 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@wrmh.org with questions.

Happy Birthday Volunteers!

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

November

- Rick Howard - 11
- Fred Bischoff - 24
- Bridgette Knotts - 25
- Lisa Pond - 26



Wizard Sponsor \$500

McDonald's Owner / Operators of Michigan

Media Sponsor

WZZM - 13

Dorothy Sponsors \$2000

- Amway, Inc.
- Applied Imaging
- Fifth Third Bank
- Legacy Trust
- McCain Foods
- Spectrum Health

Scarecrow Sponsors \$1500

McDonalds - Michigan Region

TDS Metrocom, Inc.

Tin Man Sponsors \$1000

- BISSELL Inc.
- Ken's Beverage, Inc.
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- New Horizon Baking Co.
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
- Taylor Freezer of Michigan



Lion Sponsors \$500

- Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services
- Berg Management, Inc.
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- Forest View Hospital
- Hancock & Associates
- Independent Bank
- J.A.A.R.
- Jim and Laura Maynard
- Russell & Christine Visner
- La Fleur & Godfrey Investment Counsel
- Lighthouse Group

THANK YOU McMeal Makers!

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

October

Papa John's Pizza
Bethel Lutheran Church Youth Group
Blimpie
On the Border
GVSU PA's
Tracy Jorgeson
First Covenant Church
McDonald's - Leonard Street
Olive Garden
Comstock Park High School
Bryon Center CRC
GVSU Circle K
Judy Barthlomew
Monica's Best Gourmet Cookies and Catering
Amy Miles
Kent Optimist Club of Grand Rapids
Rockford High School
Cousin's Chicken
Byron Center High School
Lisa Smith

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

McDonalds of Montcalm County
Milagro Six, Inc.
M & M Restaurant Supply
Raymond James & Associates
Saint Mary's Health Care
S & D Coffee
Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge

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 December 28th and 31st, 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@wrmrh.org or at 616-776-1300 ext. 36

Holiday Wishes at the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan

This holiday season the Ronald McDonald House is relying on community support more than ever to make this a joyful holiday season for our guest families. This year we are looking for the following items/projects to be completed:



Refill our food pantry. We can use any and all non-perishable food items to stock our pantry. *Please make sure to check expiration dates before donating food to the House...thanks!*

Donate items off of our wish list. The House relies on community support to keep our House running. Through community in-kind donations, we are able to provide for most of our guest needs.

Volunteer. The House relies on over 100 volunteers to keep the House running smoothly. Please consider becoming a McMeal Maker, McCookie Baker, or regular volunteer this Holiday Season.

Donate. It is through the generosity of our community that we are able to raise the much needed funds that enable our House to run on a day to day basis. You make make donations via our website at www.wmrmh.org.

The Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan thanks you for your continued support. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to continue providing a vital service to our community. Warmest wishes to you and yours during this upcoming Holiday season!

For more information on any of these projects, contact Megan Priester, Guest and Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 616-776-1300 ext. 31 or mpriester@wmrmh.org or Cindy Keller, Facilities and Operations Manager at 616-776-1300 or ckeller@wmrmh.org.

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." (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.

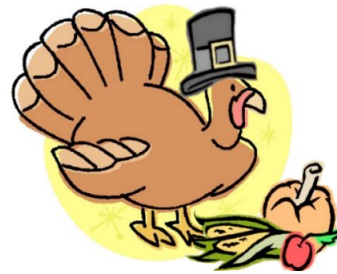
McMeal Makers: Individuals or Groups who can cook breakfast, lunch, or dinner for our House guests on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis. All meals must be prepared in House.

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 Thanksgiving...



From the House that Love Built!

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