

LOVE NOTES

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25 Years Young!

How long does twenty-five years seem to you? For some of us, it seems like a long time when we've seen children and grandchildren grow to adulthood. For others, 1980 seems like yesterday. Can you imagine working in an office without post-it notes? They were introduced in 1980. It was also the year that Mount St. Helens erupted, John Lennon passed away, Ronald Reagan was elected, and Bill Gates licensed MS-DOS to IBM, making almost nothing in the deal.

The last twenty-five years have been very eventful and full of growth for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Tampa Bay. In this span of time, we've built three houses in the Tampa Bay area. And it all started, as many things do, with a small, highly motivated group. Current Chairman Edward Ameen was one of the founding fathers of our local House program.

Back in the late 1970s, Ameen owned several area McDonald's. In 1978 he received a phone call

from the national office, requesting that he join an executive committee to develop a local RMH. As Ameen explains, "even though I knew McDonald's, I was a total novice when it came to RMH and the wonderful sense of philanthropy it creates in a community." Little did he know that joining that first committee would lead to a twenty-five year run with such a respected and successful charity.

In 1978, in conjunction with All Children's Hospital, a non-profit board of community volunteers and McDonald's representatives, the dream of building a local House soon came into focus. With Ameen's leadership from the McDonald's side, a campaign to raise funds for our first house began. In November 1978, a fundraising promotion involving a 25¢ donation for every Egg McMuffin™ sold by the 64 restaurants in McDonald's Tampa Bay Area Restaurant Association raised \$53,000 for the first House.

Many other promotions and fundraisers over the next few years resulted in the purchase of the first RMH in St. Pete. The cottage-style home was completely renovated and in 1980, opened to care for families of pediatric patients at All Children's Hospital. Our first Tampa Bay "home-away-from-



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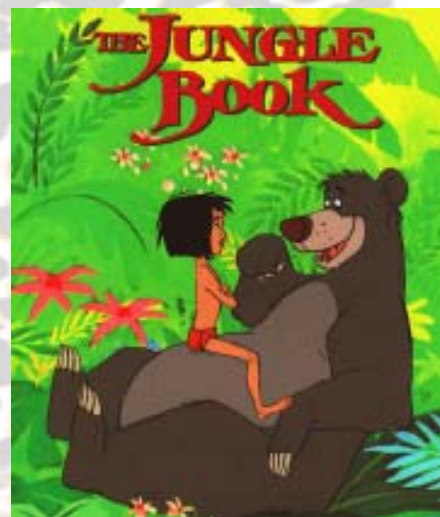
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Heed the call of the wild and plan to attend Storybook Ball 2005 - "The Jungle Book"

RMHC of Tampa Bay presents its sixth annual Storybook Ball, "The Jungle Book" on Saturday, May 21 at the A La Carte Event Pavilion in Tampa.

"We now host one of Tampa Bay's most exciting galas," states event chair and RMHC Tampa Bay board member Stacy Howell. "Each year we look for new and different ways to enchant our guests as they enjoy fine dining, dancing and exclusive auction packages that provide significant support to our pediatric families."

"This event is also an opportunity to present our annual Award of Excellence to outstanding role models and community leaders in Tampa Bay children's causes," adds Executive Director Janice Davis-Petrik. "Past recipients have included actors Patrick Wilson and Angela Bassett, Yankees Owner George Steinbrenner, USA (Ret.) General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Buccaneers Head Coach Tony Dungy."



Sponsorships for tables of ten begin at \$3,000 and range up to \$30,000.

For more information on Storybook Ball 2005, contact RMHC Tampa Bay Executive Director Janice Davis-Petrik at (813) 258-6430.



Dear Friends,

It takes a caring community, dedicated staff, competent board and committed volunteers to meet the needs of our families. I would like to introduce you to our new board members, all who understand the importance of making a difference for pediatric families.

St. Petersburg Times Circulation Director Jerry Hill is a former San Francisco RMH board member who brings a long-standing commitment to the program and an eagerness to build more partnerships to further our cause. RBC Dain Rauscher Financial Consultant Tom Powers has participated in several of our golf classics and Storybook Balls and looks forward to involving his whole family in support of our mission. MetLife Financial Operations VP Joseph Cresta continues his company's 10-year tradition of providing leadership, special event volunteers and financial gifts to our Houses. Former GTE Puerto Rico President Jon Slater was encouraged by friends to get involved with us when he retired to Tampa Bay with fundraising experience for children's causes. Welcome aboard!

With this hello, we say goodbye and thank you to former board members Sharon Yerrid and Dorothy Murray who will continue their support. Both served important leadership roles throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Janice Davis-Petrik

Janice Davis-Petrik,
Executive Director

2004 minority scholarship recipients honored



African American recipients



Asian recipients



HACER recipients

Cuban-born professional baseball player Orestes Destrade, Bay News 9 en español Anchor/Reporter Paola Stefan and Ronald McDonald joined RMHC of Tampa Bay board members and local McDonald's owner/operators on December 2 for the annual Scholarship Luncheon. Thirty-six high school juniors from the 11-county Tampa Bay area were honored with African American, Asia and HACER scholarships.

Love Notes is published two times per year for families and friends of Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Tampa Bay, a not-for-profit organization that provides comfort and care to children and their families by supporting local Ronald McDonald Houses, its cornerstone program, and by making grants to other local not-for-profit organizations that help children in need. The Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay provides a home-away-from-home for families of pediatric patients at area hospitals.

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TGH leads sponsors for 16th Annual Golf Classic

Ideal weather greeted golfers gathered at the 16th Annual RMHC of Tampa Bay Charity Golf Classic on November 19 and 20, raising considerable funds for House operations. Tampa General Hospital, title sponsor for the fifth year in a row, mingled with other major sponsors, players and Casino Night guests to create fun and excitement to benefit RMH pediatric families.

"Each year, we enjoy seeing the returning Ronald McDonald House players," explains Edward Ameen, board chair and Golf Classic tournament director for the 16th year. "I thank them, along with our new participants, our hard-working board, and especially board member Bob Sanders who, as event chairman, helped make this year's event so successful."

According to Sanders, special thanks also go to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Southwest Airlines for their repeat live auction donations of Super Bowl and airline tickets. He reports that Whitehall Products

sponsor team member Mike Russo outbid others for the NFL event. Sanders also recognized the valuable contribution made by seasoned course and evening volunteers.

Friday's winners:

1st Place Gross (Highlands North) – Patty Cortez, Matt Pearson, John Duda, Bill Coy; **(Highlands South)** – Fred Scarcelli, Fred Scarcelli, Jr., James Scarcelli, Eric Walker; **1st Place Net (North)** – Rob Robinson, Lanny Sumpter, J.B. deRosset; **(South)**

Everett Miller, Juan Vazquez, Johnny Vazquez, John Spicci;

2nd Place Net (North)

– Vey Weaver, David Tiano, Xavier Mendez, Phil Ruzicka; **(South)**

– Jay Trottier, Cliff Murphy, Jason Fischer,

Burleigh Dighton;

3rd Place Net (North) – Gary Carnes, Joe Santoro, Dan Honegger, Jack Levine;

(South) – Carter Eubank, George Rask, Juan Acevedo, Eric Sandberg. **Men's Longest Drives** went to Bill Coy (North) and Walt Maney (South); **Ladies' Longest Drive** to Linda Lopez (North); and **Closest to the Pin** to Linda Lopez (North) and John Specci (South).



Title Sponsor Tampa General Hospital



Board member & charitable drawing ticket seller Diane Keane uses her talents to persuade buyers.

We are grateful for the annual support shown by MetLife and its employees in this important fundraiser for our Houses.



Board member & tournament chair Bob Sanders with his pal Ronald.



The Kinzel family attended the Jim Kinzel Scramble, newly named after former board member & tournament founder who passed away in 2004.



Golf Classic Sponsors & Major Donors

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25 YEARS - CONTINUED

home” and the first RMH in Florida was finally complete.

In fact, the success of this first House filled a need so well that soon it became apparent that another house was required. In 1992, the second House offering 14 bedrooms opened on Davis Islands in Tampa. This new House would provide housing and care to the families not currently served by our St. Pete House – those with children at Tampa General Hospital. Eventually, our reach included St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital and Shriners Hospital of Tampa.

Unlike many other Houses, our local RMH program has been in a constant state of expansion. As with any growing and maturing organization, there were new challenges and needs to fill. Once again, fundraising began for a second St. Pete House, on the east side of All Children’s. Our newest and largest 34 bedroom House opened in 1996.

The three Houses have provided comfort and care to over 27,000 families in the past 25 years, all under the watchful eye of House Director Donna Young. And when we stop to think about how long a 25-year span is, all we have to do is look at her children, who grew up around RMH, attended college and, with the exception of one still in college, are now working in their own careers.

Young’s feelings are summarized with this statement: “Every day I am privileged to see how strong the bonds of love can be between a parent and child, especially one who is ill. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to helping families maintain those bonds through the many services we offer during their stay.”

Executive Director Janice Davis-Petrik has been with the organization for a much shorter



amount of time, only 11 years! “The longevity of our staff is one of the things we are so proud of,” says Davis-Petrik. “People work for RMH because they love its mission and it becomes a part of their lives.”

When she came to RMH in 1993, it was a very exciting time. The organization was going through growing pains, having moved very quickly through each stage of maturity. In those early days with RMH, Davis-Petrik helped lay the groundwork for a strategic plan that formulated future growth and expansion.

Along with our program growth, we have been very fortunate to be able to look beyond the walls of the House. Each year, we give back to the community in the form of grants to worthwhile children’s charities whose missions complement ours. In addition, our highly successful scholarship program provides college funds to needy and deserving students in our 11-county area.

With so many accomplishments in these twenty-five years, you may wonder what the future holds for us. After all, this organization has always been in perpetual motion. In fact, we are in discussions to build a fourth house. Another exciting initiative is the introduction of a Mobile Medical Van in partnership with the University of South Florida Medical School that will administer diagnostic testing, healthcare, and preventative dental care to needy children in rural and innercity areas.

Nationally, Ronald McDonald House Charities® was rated one of America’s 100 Best Charities by Worth Magazine. In 2004, our local charity received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s premier

independent charity evaluator who works to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace by evaluating the financial health of America’s largest charities. We are one of only six local charities to receive this four-star rating.

“It is through the generosity of this community, partnerships with McDonald’s, corporate support, wonderful volunteers and dedicated staff that we are able to remain committed to pediatric families,” sums up Davis-Petrik. “We are honored that we can continue this good work for many more years as one of the leading children’s charities in our community.”

THE TOYMAKERS



Skilled woodworkers Tom Loughlin & Harry Shallcross make magic with wood.



A longtime supporter & friend of RMH, this group of retirees create handmade wooden toys. Their handiwork can be seen in each of our Houses, where the toys are proudly displayed and given to children of families in residence. During the past 21 years, they have donated more than 1200 toys every three months to local children’s agencies. Their next challenge is to start ToyMaker chapters across the U.S. and develop a website.

Thank you ToyMakers!

FORMER RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERING

Dedicated, talented and caring volunteers are the heart of Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay. A growing number of these volunteers arrive at our doorsteps because of their own pediatric family experiences.

The five women contributing to this story speak from the perspective of mothers and grandmothers. All lead incredibly busy lives, but still find time to give back to the Ronald House.



Apollo Beach resident & St. Pete volunteer Donna Aschenbrenner now lives close to healthy, 22 year-old son Luke Conner.

Donna Aschenbrenner

While All Children's Hospital treated Donna Aschenbrenner's son Luke for motorcycle accident injuries, she stayed at the St. Pete House for a week in 1991. Since becoming a St. Pete volunteer in April 2004, she has given more than 90 hours at both Houses, and spent more than 30 hours commuting.

"I was remarried, newly pregnant and had flown in from Texas," explains Aschenbrenner. "As I was waiting in ICU, a nurse approached and asked if I knew about the Ronald McDonald House. She laughed when I politely replied, 'No thank you, I am not hungry', and then explained about the House behind the hospital."

Luke's kidney did heal and Aschenbrenner vowed that she would "give back to this charity one day." For years, she deposited all her change in the canisters at McDonald's. She now uses her experience to help others through theirs.

Nancy Brown

During the four months in 1988 that Nancy Brown's first child survived with multiple congenital birth defects, she and her husband stayed at the RMH in Birmingham, Alabama. In her five years as a St. Pete volunteer, she has given 400 hours helping other families.

"At the time of our little Jessica's birth, my husband was in veterinarian school at Auburn University – a two-hour commute" explains Brown. "Even then, I knew at some point I wanted to give back to RMH." When an Eckerd College course she was taking required community service, she began volunteering at the House while also working full-time and raising two healthy daughters.

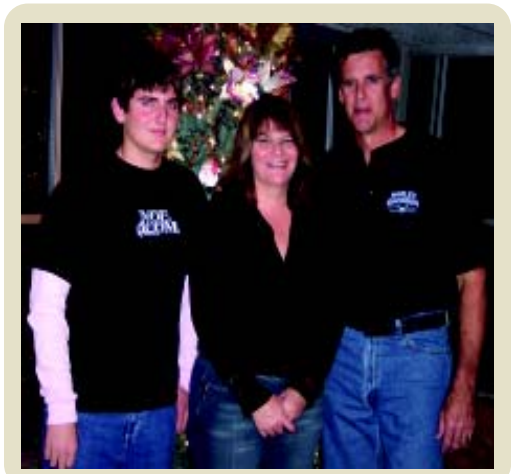
Cathy Hayduke

In 1993, while Cathy Hayduke's son Brandon was under the care of ACH doctors for a spinal tumor, she and her husband stayed at the St. Pete House. She began volunteering at the West House on Veteran's Day 2003, the tenth anniversary of Brandon's recovery, and now has more than 100 hours.

"When I walked through the West House front door after ten years, I immediately saw all the things that made a difference in my stay as a parent," reveals Hayduke. "I also recognize that dazed look that many families have when they walk in our House for the first time – and I am very happy to be there to listen and to help."

Carol Chilton

When one of her newly-adopted Peruvian boys, Miguel, received a bone marrow transplant at the University of Iowa Hospital in 1989, Tampa resident Carol Chilton's stay at the RMH in Iowa City, Iowa lasted three months. Since signing on as a Tampa House Volunteer in 1992, her hours have topped 1,400. "When Miguel died in July of 1989 and I returned home, I knew right away that I wanted to volunteer for this safe haven for families," explains Chilton. When the Tampa House opened in 1992, Chilton



Treasure Island resident & St. Pete volunteer Cathy Hayduke with her husband Phil and healthy 14-year old son Brandon.

called and began volunteering – while also being a single-parent to her surviving son Johnny and working full-time.

Maggie Galbraith

When Maggie Galbraith's youngest grandson Grant needed his second open-heart surgery in 2000, her daughter and son-in-law stayed at the Kansas City RMH Family Room inside Children's Mercy Hospital. Since 2001, this grandmother has given more than 500 hours to assist Tampa House families.

"My daughter and her husband would have slept on the hospital couches if it hadn't been for the House Family Room adjacent to the ICU," explains Galbraith, who now volunteers on Saturdays. "I know the stress that our families are feeling and hope that my experience with Grant helps me ease that pressure and help them get the rest they need."

If you are interested in becoming a House volunteer, please call Lise Fields (St. Pete) at 727-821-8961, ext. 7679 or Betsy Wilkinson (Tampa) at 813-254-2398, ext. 316. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided.

Ronald McDonald House Needs List

While out shopping, why not pick up a couple of much-needed items for the House. They include but are not limited to:

Food

Fresh meats (chicken, beef, ham)
 Breakfast & lunch meats
 Dairy (milk, cheese, butter, cream)
 Fresh fruits & vegetables
 Instant oatmeal, grits, cocoa mix
 Canned tuna, soups, meats & pastas
 Canned chicken broth
 Ramen noodles
 Vegetable oil & salad dressings
 Sugar, coffee creamer & instant tea
 Dried onions, herbs & spices
 Mayo, mustard & pickle relish
 Snacks: chips, cookies, crackers,
 individual puddings, Jello & fruit

Kitchen & Cleaning

Aluminum foil & plastic wrap
 Cookie sheets & non-stick fry pans
 Stainless/plastic forks & spoons
 Dish towels, cloths & scrubbies
 Dishwasher powder & dish soap
 Hot & cold 12 oz. cups
 Paper plates, towels & toilet tissue
 Self-sealing freezer bags (qt. & gal.)
 Heavy duty (33 gallon) trash bags
 60 watt & 4' fluorescent light bulbs
 Clorox Ready Mop pads & floor cleaner
 Duct tape & masking tape
 Dryer fabric softener sheets
 Lysol Disinfectant Spray
 Soft Scrub & Dow Scrubbing Bubbles
 Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
 Bleach & X14 cleaner
 Furniture polish
 Windfresh Laundry Detergent (Sam's)

Miscellaneous

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
 Milk Fund (\$60 per week)
 Sam's Club/grocery store certificates
 Copy paper (white & colors)
 Black felt-tip markers & Whiteout
 Clock radios & disposable cameras
 White sheet sets (twin & full)
 White wash cloths
 Packing tape

Audio Visual

Photo printer
 SVGA projector (for presentations)

ST. PETE HAPPENINGS

Holiday Open House

It felt like Christmas on this special evening for our Light a Light & Share a Night Lighting Ceremony at the St. Pete East House. Holiday music, festive decorations and a wide array of delicious foods prepared by donors like the Texas Cattle Company greeted over 400 volunteers, friends and guests of RMH. Representatives from the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, our major sponsor, presented their annual check for \$12,500.



Cookie Project For All Children's Hospital

How many cookies does it take to say thank you? A lot, as it turns out, when you're thanking a huge supporter like All Children's Hospital. Our St. Pete volunteers baked hundreds of cookies for our House Operations Committee to package into 89 trays and tins presented to 55 ACH departments during the holidays. ACH provides support year-round in addition to their annual food drive which brings thousands of dollars of groceries into our Houses.



Young Supporters Making A Difference

The Green family from Brandon stayed at the East House in the summer of 2004. While Becky spent hospital time with her son, husband Brad stayed with 10-year old daughter



Jenna. Inspired to raise funds for RMH, Jenna organized her girlfriends and put her two-part plan into action. First, she distributed the House Needs List to her neighbors, giving them time to buy items. Second, her group stayed up late into the night making crafts to sell outside a local Blockbuster Video. On August 27, the Green family along with Jenna's friends delivered 17 bags of groceries and \$156.43 raised from their craft sale. RMH is grateful that these "girls rock"!



Thieves of San Lorenzo

This Krewe of 76 women is a wonderful example of the type of groups who support us year-round. "The Thieves" prepare a meal every other month in St. Pete while helping out by donating items on our Needs List. For Christmas they brought a large donation of toys and other items for our families.



Teddy Bear Delivery

Each year, The Legal Registry in Clearwater presents their clients with a list of charities to donate to in lieu of a holiday gift. For the past eight years, RMH has been chosen to be on this list. This season, Legal Registry staff brought 30 beautiful teddy bears to the St. Pete East House for our families on Christmas Eve. This program has proven to be so successful that their Milwaukee branch has adopted the tradition.



TAMPA HAPPENINGS

Bay News 9 En Español Visits Tampa House

On August 5, Tampa House recruitment of bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers got a great boost from Bay News 9 Espanol reporter Paola Stefan (second l). She responded to a news release created by UCF student and RMHC summer intern Kennedy Segler (far l). Included in her story were interviews with House interpreter Janice Sabino and House Manager Betsy Wilkinson (far r).



Frat Boys Can Cook Too!

November 9, 2004

We're always pleased when groups come to prepare meals for our families. It's especially heartwarming when busy college students make time to help out. USF Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity prepared dinner for our Tampa families and we greatly appreciate it.



Brand Source Donates Appliances

On November 18 we were delighted to take delivery of five appliances from Brand Source's local affiliate Famous Tate. The three refrigerators and one washer & dryer set have been put to good use.

World Children's Day November 15, 2004

It was a warm and sunny day when the staff from McDonald's Corporation Regional Office arrived to serve a delicious breakfast to Tampa House families. It was a treat for both our families and the McDonald's staff to interact and share an enjoyable meal together.



95.7 The Beat November 8, 2004

What do you get when you combine an outgoing group of radio people with ribs and chicken from LeeRoy Selmon's restaurant? A fun evening of great food and holiday spirit! Clear Channel's 95.7 The Beat, Tampa's Hip Hop & R&B station, arrived in force to serve up a scrumptious dinner. Renowned deejay Olivia Fox and her co-host Big Mike delighted guests by autographing photos, handing out T-shirts and posing for pictures.



House Support Needed

Sponsor a Meal

- ♥ Create a casserole supper, cook on our gas grill, order in pizza, make breakfast, stew, soup or chili.
- ♥ Bring in a prepared meal for RMH volunteers to set up and serve, prepare and serve the meal yourself or "break bread" with our families after your "chef" work.
- ♥ Contract with a restaurant to deliver meals, pizza, sub sandwiches or send a restaurant or grocery store gift certificate.

Sponsor Fresh Meat & Dairy -

help fund weekly bulk deliveries of fresh beef, chicken and milk for the children and new mothers who need the nutrition.

Update our Medical Library -

provide up-to-date books, magazines and CDs to help families get information on their childrens' diagnoses and treatments.

Share A Night Program - help underwrite a family's stay for \$10 per night, \$70 a week or more (no family is ever turned away because of an inability to pay).

Hold a Pantry Drive - collect canned goods, paper products, cleaning and other household supplies - we've got 66 bedrooms, 70 bathrooms & four kitchens!

Be a Volunteer - Looking for a new way to show your community how much you care? Have some spare days, evenings or weekends in this New Year? All three Houses need volunteers for four-hour shifts, once a week or twice a month, to help support this "home-away-from-home" for families with children in area hospitals. Training is provided. Please call

Lise Fields in St. Petersburg at (727) 821-8961 ext. 7679 or **Betsy Wilkinson in Tampa** at (813) 254-2398 ext. 316.



FRIENDS HELPING FAMILIES



The Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay is a not-for-profit-organization that provides a “home-away-from-home” for families whose children are undergoing medical treatment at bay-area hospitals. The House relies on the support of individuals and organizations in the community to provide services to families in need. We would like to acknowledge the following individuals and groups who have demonstrated their support in many ways. This list represents contributions received from **August 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004**. If we have erred or omitted anyone, we apologize.

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Due to space and cost considerations, we are no longer able to print our lengthy list of In-Kind Donations in our newsletter. That list, however, may be found posted in each of our Houses. Thank you.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Recycling Benefits RMH Families



More than \$4,000 in aluminum recycling proceeds has come to Tampa Bay's RMH from Orient Road Jail. Employees who facilitate the program include (l to r) Community Service Officers Jordan Hernandez and Robert Hertzberg, Recycling Coordinator Lt. Waltraud Addison and Major Robert Lucas, Orient Road Division Commander.

Two facilities of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Orient Road Jail and Falkenburg Road Jail, have become the leaders for recycling aluminum for RMH. Since the late 1990's, they have brought in more than \$7,000 for our pediatric families, even though the price of aluminum has dropped and many recycling centers have disappeared.

Both the Orient Road Jail Recycling Program and Falkenburg's "Kans for Kids" rely on staff and inmates for their cans. Each site has an "Honor Pod" system with a weekly reward for the cleanest area. The winning resident inmates get pizza and cokes on Fridays. Both have recycling bins throughout the facility and encourage employees to bring cans from home.

According to Recycling Coordinator Lt. Waltraud Addison, a community service officer collects the cans from each bin, trucks the cans to recycling and submits the proceeds for a check to RMH. As you can see, many employees are involved in this worthwhile cause and are happy to contribute.

The Falkenburg Road Jail's "Kans for Kids", started by a now-retired deputy, was recently restarted by administrator Susan Williams. It is a "Team Falkenburg" effort – from the Sheriff to the inmates. Williams puts up the posters and sends the proceeds to RMH. Deputies Black and Thompson have made "Kans for Kids" posters. Deputy Franco does the majority of the collecting and, on his own time, takes them to the local recycling center.



SUPPORTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are extremely grateful for the wonderful support RMHC of Tampa Bay receives from individuals, community groups, local and national companies. Some of these supporters coordinate their own special events to raise funds specifically for RMHC of Tampa Bay. We are forever in their debt. If you have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact Executive Director Janice Davis-Petrik at (813) 258-6430. Here are some continuing events that raise money for our charity.

Christian Taylor Golf Tournament October 9, 2004 Punta Gorda, FL

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The 5th Annual Taylor Golf Tournament held in October at the Riverview Golf & Country Club was the most successful yet, raising \$8,772 for RMHC. The popularity of this event has grown each year and it has become an annual fixture on many golfers' calendars. In an area hit hard by the hurricanes, the support for 2004's tournament was especially welcome and heartfelt. RMHC is proud to have the support of Jennie & Stuart Taylor who raise significant funds each year in honor of their son Christian.



Pediatric Services of Florida's Third Annual Run for KidsSM 10K/5K Suncoast ClassicSM February 26, 2005 St. Pete, FL



Pediatric Services of Florida presents their third annual Run for Kids with all proceeds benefiting Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay. This USATF-certified event includes a new 10K run, the popular 5K run, Pelican Mile and kids "Fun Run". More than 1,500 runners, walkers and wheelchair-bound competitors of all ages participate. The races begin at BayWalk in St. Petersburg and wind their way through the beautiful downtown waterfront district. For more information, please visit www.runforkids.com.

Kimal Lumber's "Building to a Cure" 3rd Annual Classic Car Show Sunday, April 3, 2005 Centennial Park, Venice Sponsored by Bill Buck Chevrolet, Venice

For those who appreciate the finer qualities of classic automobiles, you won't want to miss this event! Raffles and giveaways round out the day.

Kimal Lumber's "Building to a Cure" Golf Tournament



Ronald McDonald did the drawing honors at the Kimal golf tournament, held September 25, 2004. In spite of hurricanes, the event netted more than \$11,000 towards their annual campaign to benefit RMH of Tampa Bay and All Children's Hospital.

6th Annual Kimal Lumber's "Building to a Cure" 5K Run/Walk Saturday, April 23, 2005 Venice, Florida



This is the sixth year for this race, and the second annual run sanctioned by Manasota Track Club under the trademark "Building to a Cure." Runners and walkers of all ages participate to raise funds for RMH. All proceeds from both events are split between Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay & All Children's Hospital.

Ronald McDonald House RMHC of Tampa Bay Upcoming events

- Feb. 26 Pediatric Services of Florida
"Run for Kids" - St. Pete
- April 2 St. Pete House Volunteer Luncheon
- April 3 Kimal Lumber's "Building to a Cure"
3rd Annual Classic Car Show - Venice
- April 23 Kimal Lumber 5K Run/Walk - Venice
- May 21 Storybook Ball 2005 "The Jungle Book" A La Carte Event Pavilion, Tampa
- Nov. 18 RMH 17th Annual Golf Classic,
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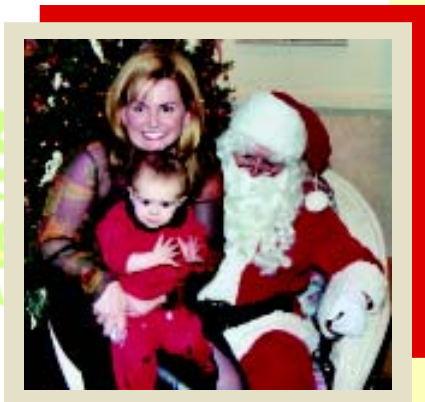
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Board Member Stacy Howell & her daughter Rachel at the Holiday Open House in St. Pete



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