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**Pediatric Services of Florida**  
*Supporters of RMH & Children in Tampa Bay*  
By Jeff Haring

*SPOTLIGHT on...*

**Dr. Al Saltiel**  
**President of Pediatric Services of Florida**

A normally energetic 12 year-old girl from Fort Myers with a severe lung infection, a smiling infant from Hernando County with a potentially lethal heart defect, and a frightened seven year-old boy from Arcadia suffering an asthma attack. What do all these children have in common? They are all patients of an association that includes 75 pediatric practices, with more than 350 doctors, called Pediatric Services of Florida (PSF).



The medical professional that serves as the President of this comprehensive organization with a service area that extends south to Naples/Ft. Myers, north into Hernando County, and east to Orlando is Dr. Al Saltiel.

Dr. Saltiel grew up in New Jersey, graduated from Tufts University, and attended Tulane Medical School. He completed a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at Yale University. He eventually settled in St. Petersburg and practices at All Children's Hospital. Dr. Saltiel is listed in the Best Doctors in America – Southeast, the Who's Who on Medicine and Healthcare, and serves on the faculty of the University of South Florida.

In a recent conversation, he shared his thoughts on pediatric medicine, his organization, and the important role of Ronald McDonald House.

Because PSF serves such a large area, his patients and families often come with special needs and concerns. Dr. Al says, *"RMH has been extremely helpful."*

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*When your patients are drawn from such a great distance, the families often have enough concerns, without having to cope with simple things like food and shelter.” He emphasized, “RMH not only offers these basic services, but also provides an important respite and support during a difficult time.” Dr. Al stressed the special challenges of caring for “little ones” who can’t comprehend their situation and surroundings. “Since many of our patients are very young, they don’t usually have the emotional resources to deal with their illness or injury.”*

He added, *“The family is also particularly stressed, since parents are not prepared to find their child in a medical care situation. RMH is an important adjunct and partner in our goal to provide our patients with the ‘ideal’ care that serves not just their physical ailments, but their emotional needs as well.”*

I asked him to tell me about the brand-new \$400 million All Children’s Hospital (ACH), where many of the group’s doctors practice. The 259-bed facility opened for business earlier this year.

*“The new ACH is an exciting development for the area and pediatric care. We’ve transferred an already excellent team, added state-of-the-art equipment, and redesigned the patient and family care areas to provide a more family-centered care experience. It’s a great hospital for the 21st century.”*

PSF also serves as advocates for children’s health care and is actively

involved in community activities that promote better care for children. Helping charities like Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay is one of the group’s passions. He described the reasons why his organization developed the annual “Run for Kids” fundraising event, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year. *“The Suncoast Classic Run for Kids was the outcome of our organization’s mission to support children’s charities and to promote healthy behavior for children.”* The February 2010 event drew more than 1,500 runners of all ages to participate in the 5K, 10K, Pelican Mile, and Kids Fun Run.

Dr. Al also explained why it was an easy decision to support Ronald McDonald House. *“We like to support RMH because it impacts virtually every doctor on our team. Nearly everyone has had a patient use the services that RMH offers. It’s great to have a resource that can support both our patients and our practice like RMH does.”*

The Ronald McDonald House requires the support of many individuals and organizations to care for pediatric families at more than 300 Houses worldwide. Locally, we’re very fortunate to have organizations like Pediatric Services of Florida and their 350 doctors helping us help them, their patients, and families. One way to join PSF in their support is to include RMHC in your estate planning.



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## LEARNING FROM OTHER'S MISTAKES

Here are some tips to include in your estate planning.

- Keep your estate plan updated when momentous changes in your life occur.
- Review and update your Will every few years, especially when changes in your life such as births, deaths, new marital circumstances, a move to another state, new tax laws or new philanthropic interests arise.

A common misconception is that you do not need a Will until you are old.

*Wrong. You should have a Will if:*

1. You own any property in your name alone (eg. a checking account or a car.)
2. You have minor children.
3. You have personal property or family heirlooms that you want a specific person to receive at the time of your death.
4. You are married and own property together.
5. You wish to bequeath a portion of your estate to a charity.

A Will appoints a person (the "Personal Representative") to handle the estate matters (the paperwork) involved in settling your estate. Any asset you own jointly with another person automatically becomes the other person's property at your death,

does not pass through your estate and is not taxable.

If you have minor children, you need to appoint a person to be the guardian of those children once you are gone. The first choice is usually the other parent, but you also need to choose another party in case that parent is not able or willing. Think carefully. This will be the person or persons raising your children!

If you have substantial assets or life insurance, you may want to create a trust for the benefit of your children and appoint a Trustee to control those funds until the child has reached an age that you determine he or she should then gain control of those funds for him or herself. The Trustee does not have to be the Guardian (but often is). Trusts can also be established for spouses.

You should always keep a photocopy of the Will with your important papers indicating where the

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or trust to leave a  
lasting legacy.*





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*Celebrating 30 Years*

The Ronald McDonald House program began in 1980 based on a simple idea: Provide a “home-away-from-home” for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. Since first opening our doors, more than 37,000 families have benefited from the comfort provided by our Tampa Bay Ronald McDonald Houses.

This year marks our 30th Anniversary of caring for families. It is a fitting tribute that we opened our fourth Ronald McDonald House this landmark year inside the new All Children’s Hospital Outpatient Care Center. This House serves all families in the hospital who cannot leave their child for more than a few moments at a time. The addition of this new House gives us a total of 80 bedrooms for pediatric families in the Bay area.

By finding, creating and supporting programs that directly enhance health and well-being, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay is working to better the lives of children and their families.

## ESTATE PLANNING TOOLBOX

- A *will* ensures your wishes are carried out at your death, and that your family, friends and favorite charitable organizations receive the consideration you intended.
- A *durable power of attorney* provides another person with the legal right to make decisions on your behalf. This document is often used to ensure that your business, finance and other important affairs continue in your best interest.
- A *health care proxy* names a trusted friend or family member to make health care decisions on your behalf if you become incapacitated.
- A *trust* provides asset management, probate avoidance or estate tax savings.

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- ❖ USE YOUR IRA The Smart Way
- ❖ MODERNIZE YOUR WILL To Reflect Life’s Changes
- ❖ YOUR WILL
- ❖ MAKING A DIFFERENCE with Year End Giving
- ❖ ESTATE PLANNING STRATEGIES That Meet Your Needs
- ❖ INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR ESTATE with an Up-To-Date Will

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