

HOW YOU CAN HELP

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

House Volunteers: Individuals (and couples) are needed to help with the operation of this “home-away-from-home” for families of children receiving treatment at a local hospital. Responsibilities include answering the telephone, checking families in and out, giving tours and providing general support to those in residence. Volunteers are needed to staff the House for a four-hour shift between 10:00 am - 10:00 pm daily. Training is provided. A program for teen volunteers is also available. Call the House nearest you to inquire about the next training session or for more information on how your special skills can help.

Special Event Volunteers: Individuals and groups are needed to assist in planning and working special events. If your organization enjoys working together on events or if you would like to organize your own event to benefit our families, please contact the House for more information.

SUPPORT OUR FOOD FUND

This fund helps provide nutritious, hot food for families who would otherwise eat poorly or not at all. New mothers and siblings particularly benefit from purchased fresh meats and produce, which are rarely donated. This assures residents of well-balanced meals.

PREPARE A MEAL

Families need a nutritious dinner after a long day at the hospital. Individuals and organizations can help by preparing a meal for our residents in our spacious kitchens. If you would like to participate in our Meal Program, contact the House most convenient to you.

HOLD A PANTRY DRIVE

To help assure our families that the cupboards are never bare, hold a pantry drive at your local church, school or community organization. Collect non-perishable canned and boxed foods, paper products, cleaning and other household supplies. Please call ahead and we will be happy to provide you with an up-to-date Wish List.

HOLD A “PENNIES FROM THE HEART” DRIVE

We call it a penny drive but all coins, no matter how small, add up to help our Ronald McDonald House families find milk in the refrigerator, clean sheets for their beds, movies and toys in the family room and, most of all, a “home-away-from-home” when a loved one is in the hospital. Visit our website www.rmhctampabay.com to download a template of labels that you can apply to your containers.

SHARE-A-NIGHT

While the House requests \$10 per night per family, operational costs are closer to \$65 for each room night. No family is ever turned away because of an inability to pay. You can help us make up this significant difference by contributing to the “Share-a-Night” fund.

DEPOSIT YOUR CHANGE

All change from canisters in the McDonald’s restaurants directly supports our house program.

DONATE YOUR CAR, BOAT or RV

Please consider donating your auto, boat, yacht, truck or RV . You can receive maximum legal tax deductions and possibly a partial cash payment. For more information about vehicle donations or to receive a no obligation evaluation of your potential vehicle or other property donation call toll free: (866) 2-GIVING or (866) 244-8464 or visit www.actiondonation.com

DRIVERS LICENSE & VEHICLE TAG CONTRIBUTIONS

We are now listed as one of the agencies to receive voluntary contributions from the State of Florida’s Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. All Ronald McDonald Houses in the state will benefit from this initiative. Please give a few dollars the next time you purchase or renew a drivers license or vehicle tag.