

LOVE NOTES

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Danger In The Home

Lenny & Lugeenya Blackstock will never forget their eighth wedding anniversary. That was the day they heard their daughter's bone-chilling screams in the next room. Two-year old Len'nya and nine-year old Lennysha were watching television, when the older model TV toppled over, crushing little Len'nya.

In a panic, they rushed Len'nya to Lee Memorial in Fort Myers,

where it was quickly determined that specialty care at All Children's Hospital (ACH) in St. Petersburg was needed. With Tropical Storm Fay threatening South Florida, the Blackstock family rushed in an ambulance to ACH where their daughter was diagnosed with a fractured skull and cracked facial bones. The Blackstocks were in shock and despair, fearing the worst.

After spending their first night in the hospital, they checked into the St. Petersburg Ronald McDonald House. Lugeenya says, "RMH provided me with love, compassion, and security knowing there are people out there willing to help."

Len'nya required an operation called a decompressive craniectomy, a neurosurgical procedure in which part of the skull is removed to allow the swelling brain enough room to expand. It is performed on victims of traumatic brain injury and stroke, and is usually the

last option after all other measures have failed. After the surgery, doctors put Len'nya into a drug-induced coma for two weeks because activity of any kind could have compromised her health. She was also placed on a ventilator because the medications used for the coma caused difficulty in her breathing. The surgery was a success and after three and half weeks, Len'nya was transferred to Tampa General Hospital (TGH) for rehabilitation, and her parents checked into Tampa's RMH.

Rehabilitation for a brain injury victim can be slow. Luckily, because of Len'nya's young age, she is expected to recover most of the functions she lost. During the nine weeks in Tampa, she began walking with the help of a walker and leg brace. She has left side paralysis, although cognitively, her brain function is normal. Her speech has also been affected, but with therapy, her mother is confident she will re-learn how to speak and use her left side.

Len'nya celebrated both her third birthday and Halloween while at TGH. Lugeenya says that her daughter "loves RMH and all the staff" having visited the House on day visits between rounds of rehab at the hospital. After nine weeks of treatment, the Blackstocks

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Len'nya & Lennysha Blackstock

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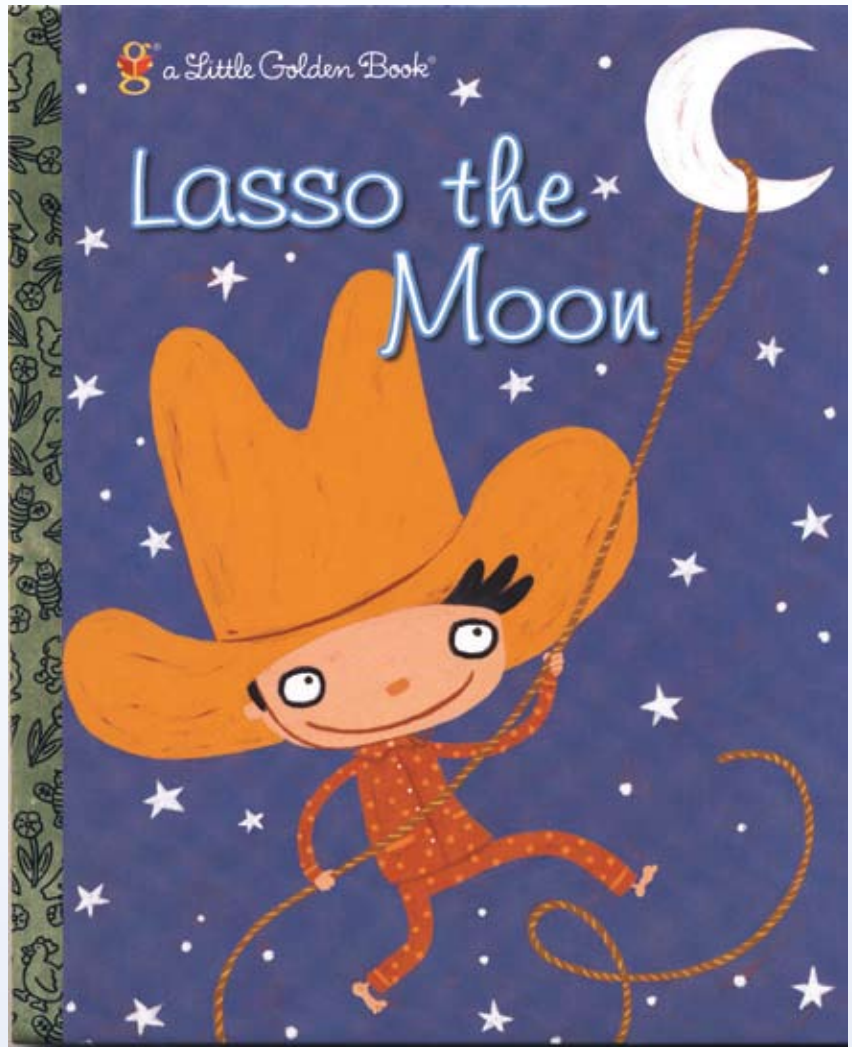
Change is a word we have heard a lot in the past few months. Economic conditions and world events are creating dramatic changes that affect us all. Most of the change we hear about is troubling during these uncertain times.

Our organization is also changing as we try to meet the growing needs of families whose children require medical treatment at All Children's Hospital. The construction of our new 14-bedroom house inside the ACH Medical Annex is scheduled to open in early 2010. In the past year, we turned 294 families away because our houses were full. Scrambling to find alternative inexpensive housing is challenging, and our families need to be near their child's bedside. This growing number highlights the necessity for another house to accommodate them.

Change is inevitable, but with proper planning and preparations, RMHC of Tampa Bay can ensure that our change will have a positive impact for many pediatric families. With your help we will continue to have room available at our Houses. Thank you all for your generous support over the holiday season and allowing our doors to be open to so many families in need. We wish you all the best for a healthy and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Davis
Executive Director & CEO



Storybook Ball • May 16, 2009
A La Carte Event Pavilion, Tampa, FL
6pm - Midnight

It is time once again to "round up your friends" for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay's tenth annual Storybook Ball, Lasso the Moon. Little Tex, Rio Rosie and all the cowpokes will be dancing under the stars while dining on delicious food and enjoying Busch Entertainment dancers. Dress is formal with a "cowboy kick."

Sponsorships for tables of ten range from \$3,000 to \$25,000; tickets for two are \$600. Please contact Janice Davis for more information at (813) 258-6430, ext. 1 or by email at jdprmh@tampabay.rr.com.

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Len'nya dresses up for Halloween



Mom & daughter take a break



Re-learning how to walk

finally returned home to Lehigh Acres, where Lugeenya works as an accountant, and Lenny as a transport driver. Lugeenya's sister from Georgia has come to stay and help with Len'nya while her parents are at work.

Lugeenya is grateful for the outpouring of love and support received from her community,

church members and the RMH family. She comments, "The staff was wonderful and words cannot express the abundant gratitude that my family has for RMH. God has truly blessed us through our endeavors, and through our strength and the support of so many others, we have survived!"

In the United States, a head injury occurs every seven seconds and an associated death every five minutes.

– AORN Journal

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM), managed by the USF Department of Pediatrics, continues to expand their program since hitting the road in early 2006, providing much-needed medical and dental services to underserved children. The RMCM staff consists of a full-time advance registered nurse practitioner and a full-time driver. Physician oversight of the program is provided free of charge by USF Pediatrics and community volunteer dentists.

The program is already making a huge impact in our community. The RMCM staff has identified many severe and life-altering illnesses that would otherwise have gone undiagnosed. Tina Marie (right) is one of those cases, enduring acute scoliosis without the proper medical treatment due to insurance issues. With the help of the RMCM, she is now on the road to recovery and was recently featured in a national USA Today advertisement for RMHC Global.

Currently, the RMCM travels to 69 of the 209 Hillsborough County School District elementary, middle, and high schools. From 2006-2008 the program treated more than 4,200 students, providing over \$923,000 of medical services. In an effort to further expand their outreach, a community homeless center and a domestic violence shelter are scheduled for monthly visits. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is one of RMHC of Tampa Bay's three core programs operating in our Tampa Bay market.



RMHC Celebrates 20th Annual Golf Classic



RMHC Board Chairman Edward Ameen was honored for 20 years as Tournament Director, and joined onstage by Sunway Restaurants Owner/Operator Fred Scarcelli & Executive Director/CEO Janice Davis.

Friday, November 14th was a picture perfect day in Florida. The 130 golfers enjoyed exemplary weather and some great golf while raising funds for Ronald McDonald House.

For 20 years, RMHC Board Chairman Edward Ameen has overseen the details of running this successful golf tournament, which has grown in size and scope. Fellow golfing buddy (and last year's hole-in-one winner) Fred Scarcelli was on hand to join Ed in celebrating 20 years of hard work and excellent golf. Each was presented with a plaque recognizing their contributions in getting the first tournament off the ground in 1988.



1st Place Gross awards were presented to Phil Dooley (absent from photo), Dan Stone, Eric Branson and Keith Robinson

1st Place Net awards were presented to the team from DEX Imaging



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Conditions of the Heart

Siblings suffer same disorder



requiring lengthy stays in the hospital. His health issues remain a constant challenge. He has a gastric feeding tube because he is unable to eat more than a few ounces of formula at a time. Recently, Vanessa and Lily stayed at RMH for two and half months while

medicines keep Vanessa busy around the clock, while juggling the needs of her active household.

Financially strapped like many young parents with sick children, they are trying hard to keep their heads above water. Economic conditions have forced the reduction of Randy's work, although his second job over the holidays as Santa helped fill the gaps.

Approximately 5-8 of every 100,000 people develop dilated cardiomyopathy each year.

Luckily, Zachary is a very happy little boy, "a momma's boy" in Vanessa's words. Lily is dramatic, she loves to sing, dance and be the center of attention –

Lily Masters is a bright and healthy four-year old who loves football. When a photo shoot with Mike Alstott, retired fullback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was arranged for our holiday campaign, Lily's family was delighted to have her included. On the day of the photo shoot, Lily appeared wearing her favorite Bucs cheerleading outfit, completely charming Mike and Nicole Alstott.

Lily wasn't always a healthy child. At 9 ½ weeks old, she became very sick. Her parents, Randy and Vanessa, rushed her to the hospital in Sebring, where she was transferred to All Children's Hospital (ACH) in St. Petersburg. Those were terrifying days for her parents, who were advised that their little girl might need a heart transplant. Once sedated, Lily was placed on a respirator to help her breathe, and gradually she began to recover. Soon, it became apparent that a heart transplant would not be needed.

Lily was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle (myocardium), primarily affecting the left ventricle, the heart's main pumping chamber. When the left ventricle becomes enlarged, it cannot pump blood with as much force as a healthy heart. This is a common cause of heart failure. Lily generally stays healthy, but she catches viruses easily, and cannot attend regular school because of risk of infection.

Lily's brother, six-month old Zachary, also suffers from dilated cardiomyopathy,

Randy returned to Sebring, driving back to St. Petersburg with older sister Meghan for regular



another challenge for her parents. They worry that Zachary may not recuperate as well as Lily. At this stage, Lily was nearly healed, while Zachary continues to struggle.

The Masters think of RMH as a second home, finding it comforting to be surrounded by other families going through difficult times with their children. Having a warm meal and a private room is a blessing for a new mom breastfeeding or in need of a few quiet moments away from the hectic pace of the hospital. They know the staff well, and feel at home in the comfortable surroundings. During their recent visit to St. Petersburg, they were delighted to see one of our holiday campaign billboards for Light a Light & Share a Night featuring Lily with the Alstotts. They quickly stopped to jump out of the car and take pictures of their "little star."

visits. This was a dramatic contrast from their much shorter four-week stay at the house when Lily was born.

The prognosis for Zachary is uncertain. The doctors have run genetic testing on the family with hope that the results will enable them to better treat Zachary. Lily tries hard to be a good sister to her baby brother, kissing him and holding him when she gets the chance. Fifteen-year old Meghan also helps out as much as she can.

Vanessa remains optimistic about the future, although she's sad that she had to give up her fourteen-year position as a veterinary technician. Zachary's schedule of tube feedings and



Needs List

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

Chicken, beef, ham, hamburgers
Breakfast & lunch meats
Dairy (butter, cream cheese, margarine, cheese)
Vegetable oil & salad dressings
Sugar, sugar substitute, coffee creamer
Mayonnaise
Snacks: chips, cookies, crackers, individual puddings, jello, fruit juice
Cereal, Pop Tarts, instant grits & oatmeal
Cake mix & icing
Instant tea, hot cocoa, Koolaid
Cookie dough
Cakes & pies
Fresh fruit

Kitchen & Cleaning

Plastic forks & spoons
Hot (8 oz) & cold (16 oz) cups
Paper plates & bowls
Paper towels & toilet paper
Napkins
Ziploc freezer bags (quart & gallon)
Swiffer Wet Jet pads
Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Bleach
Dryer fabric softener sheets
Powdered laundry detergent
Scotch Brite scour pads
Small bath soap
Soft Scrub
Furniture polish

Miscellaneous

Black felt-tip markers (regular)
Copy paper - white & colored
Postage stamps
Masking tape & clear packing tape
Clock radios
Port-a-crib sheets
Toothpaste (trial size)
Dish cloths
White pillowcases (standard)
White towels (bath, hand, washcloths)
4 ft. fluorescent bulbs
60 watt light bulbs
Compact fluorescent bulbs (100 watt equiv)
Prepaid gas cards
Gift cards for Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club

Please check our website for updated lists for the individual houses: www.rmhctampabay.com

St. Pete Happenings



Huge Toy Drive for RMH

Gary Ramos has a special place in his heart for the families and children at RMH. For the second year in a row, he held a toy drive and party to collect toys for the St. Pete houses. RMH is blessed to have wonderful friends and groups like Gary who help over the holidays.



Spa Day Pampers Moms

Raye Toscano (middle), the owner of Red Bamboo Spa recently treated two RMH moms to a full spa day including a massage, facial, manicure, pedicure and lunch. It was a lovely day of indulgence for the stressed moms, Cynthia Schweitzer (left), of Sarasota and Christine Rivera (right), from Punta Gorda.



Jazzercise Fundraiser

Paula DeBlasio, Owner & Instructor at the St. Petersburg Jazzercise Fitness Center coordinated a one-day Jazzerthon event in September, raising \$2,710 for house operations. She also motivated her energetic group to donate their time and talents to help with holiday decorations.



ACH Development Council

This dedicated group of volunteers, who also raise funds for All Children's Hospital, meet regularly to prepare a delicious meal at the House. Since 2001 they have made four meals per year, providing a hot and nutritious dinner for our emotionally and physically exhausted families.

Tampa Happenings

Banana Republic Yard Sale

A group of Banana Republic employees held a sale in the back yard of the Tampa RMH on a beautiful Saturday morning in November to raise funds for the House. RMH volunteers and staff joined in to help the cause. Over \$500 was raised and many great bargains were made!



Let's Play B*I*N*G*O*!

Tampa volunteers love a good game of Bingo. A great turnout at the September event held at Bayshore's Harbour House, hosted by Emily Parmer put smiles on many faces. House Operations member Jerry Buchanan celebrates her win with daughter Erin.



Bucs Women Pitch In

The Buccaneers Women's Organization and their kids arrived on November 20 with a Thanksgiving feast for families. Captain Fear and two cheerleaders came along to entertain and autograph photos.



Volunteer Holiday Gift Exchange

Tampa RMH held a gift exchange and dessert party for staff & volunteers. Things heated up quickly with a game designed to steal another's gift. This annual event held lots of laughs and a great time sharing holiday cheer.



House Support Needed

Sponsor a Meal

- ✓ Create a casserole supper, cook on our gas grill, make breakfast, stew, soup or chili.
- ✓ Bring in a prepared meal for RMH volunteers to set up and serve, or prepare and serve the meal yourself and "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 Foods

Help fund a delivery of fresh fruit for a week with a donation of \$60. This provides a quick & nutritious snack for families to eat on the go.

Provide Arts & Crafts Supplies

Fund supplies for our Arts and Crafts program with a donation of \$50 or \$100, or provide us with supplies that the kids can use.

Share a Night Program

Help underwrite a family stay for \$10 per night, \$70 a week or more (no family is ever turned away because of an inability to pay). Our actual costs are \$60 per night per family.

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

Put your heart in the house that love built. Volunteer opportunities are available for four-hour shifts on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, or help with gardening and house projects on your own schedule. All volunteer opportunities are listed on our website at www.rmhtampabay.com. For more information, please call:

Lise Fields in St. Petersburg

(727) 767-7679

Laura Wright in Tampa

(813) 254-2398 ext. 317

Friends helping friends

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, 2008 through publication date**. If we have erred or omitted anyone, we apologize.

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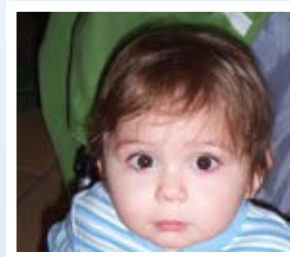
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Yankee Traveler Trailer Park Ladies Coffee Group
Bernard & Frances Yokel
Lois Zawislak
Bonnie Zimmerman
Howard Zucker



Tommy Williams (with Mom Marcy) raised over \$200 in memory of his brother Jack by selling his special home-made spiced nuts.

Scholarship Recipients Honored



RMHC scholarship recipients gather for a group photo on the grand staircase at the Grand Hyatt

On December 2 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 46 high school students from our 11-county area were honored at our annual RMHC Scholarship Luncheon. Eligibility is based on academic performance, financial need and community service. Each scholarship provides two years of Florida community college tuition or an equivalent amount at other accredited colleges.

Ernest Hooper, guest speaker and columnist for the St. Petersburg Times addressed the challenges students are up against. As the child of a single mother and parent of teens himself, his insightful words struck a resonating chord with the attendees. Many of our recipients have overcome great hurdles to achieve the recognition of their peers and teachers.

RMHC Board of Trustees and McDonald's owner/operators attended the luncheon to meet our honorees. Proud family members, teachers and administrators attended in support and appreciation of each recipient as they received their awards and had their photo taken with Ronald McDonald.

Light a Light & Share a Night

The annual Holiday Open House once again drew a record number of families, friends, RMHC board and volunteers to celebrate the spirit of the season and to give thanks to all of our generous donors. Pat Marsh, CEO of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union graciously spoke on behalf of their Suncoast for Kids Foundation, our presenting sponsor for Light a Light & Share a Night, and presented Chairman Edward Ameen with a check for \$10,000. Brian Ford, his wife Judy and sons Brian & Brandon, along with Buccaneers staff Brian Mathews, Killeen Mullen, Corey Helinski & Tim Jarocki provided an amazing feast. Ideal Events returned by popular demand with their delicious chocolate fountain. Carlo Lovasco once again lent his musical talents leading everyone in a sing-a-long, and Santa cheered the little ones with an early holiday gift.



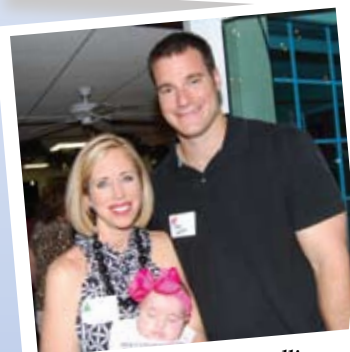
Pat Marsh presents Chairman Edward Ameen with a \$10,000 check



Sharon Sanchez from the Pinellas IAHSF accepts the 2008 Friends Award



RMHC Board member Brian Ford (right) from the Bucs office with son Brian and Brian Mathews



House Ops member Allison Garrett with Andy & Emma



Carlo Lovasco leading guests in singing Silver Bells



Guest Bob DeGroot proves you're never too old for a visit with Santa



RMH resident family Amy Clark with daughter Sayde Wilyard

St. Pete West House "Staged to Live"

On September 10 the Pinellas Chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals "Staged to Live" the St. Pete West House. As the first Ronald McDonald House in Florida, it was ready for a trendy update. The stagers volunteered their time, talents and personal resources to makeover the main living areas.

The transformation consisted of restoring the original wood floors, refreshing the paint, adding new window treatments, furniture, accessories and artwork. The fireplace was given an updated craftsman-style look and all the light fixtures were replaced. The bathroom was modernized with new paint, tile, sink, faucet, light fixture, mirror and accessories. The kitchen was updated with a new tile backsplash, window treatments, and decorative paint. The

renovations are valued at more than \$46,000.

On September 26 the Association Chapter and Ronald McDonald House hosted a coffee for the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents. A plaque recognizing the contributors was dedicated and many of the vendors were on hand to see the results of their hard work.

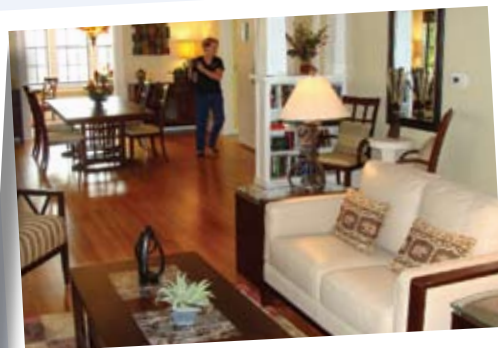
In December at the Holiday Open House, Sharon Sanchez was presented with the 2008 RMHC of Tampa Bay's Friends Award on behalf of her group. The Friends Award recognizes those whose contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of RMHC and our families.

The International Association of Home Staging Professionals gives



back to our community every year and helps brighten the world for families in need.

On behalf of the hundreds of families who stay at this House each year, we thank the Pinellas Chapter of the IAHSPP for giving this wonderful house a breath of fresh air.



Members of the American Seed Trade Association planted seeds and herbs to beautify the Tampa RMH

Calendar of Events

Run for Kids, St. Petersburg BayWalk	February 14
Bunco, ACH Conference Center	March 10
Tampa Volunteer Brunch, Tampa Yacht Club	March 14
St. Pete Volunteer Brunch, ACH Conference Center	March 28
Kimal Classic Car Show, Venice	April 19
Storybook Ball, Lasso The Moon, A La Carte Event Pavilion	May 16
RMH Golf Classic, Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club	Nov. 20 & 21

Visit our website at www.rmhctampabay.com for additional information

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Estate planning is a topic the living love to avoid, but the cost of procrastination can be high for those you care about most. We all know the importance of using the right tool for the right job, and this applies to estate planning as well. There are at least four basic tools to use when building an effective estate plan.

Planned giving experts at RMHC can be a big help, if you intend to make gifts to us as part of your estate plan. Investing now in the services of a qualified attorney, financial planner or similar professional may be helpful in designing the best plan for you and your family.

Four useful tools

A will

This ensures your wishes are carried out so that your family, friends and favorite charities receive the consideration you intended.

A durable power of attorney

This provides another person with the legal right to make decisions on your behalf.

A health care proxy (also called a living will)

This names a trusted friend or family member to make health care decisions on your behalf.

A trust

Provides asset management, probate avoidance or estate tax savings, depending on your needs.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Janice Davis at (813) 258-6430, ext. 1 or by email at jdprmh@tampabay.rr.com.

Please remember Ronald McDonald House in your will or trust.

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 My address is incorrect
 I received more than one copy
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Xavier reminds us to stop and appreciate the beauty of a single flower