



The Ronald McDonald House is a “home away from home” for families of children being treated in local hospitals. There are two houses in St. Petersburg and one in Tampa. Last year we served 2,000 families who came from Florida, 27 other states, and 15 other countries. Families are asked to pay \$10 a night, but no one is turned away who cannot pay.

We encourage all youth to get involved! Below are some suggested ways you can help!

**Suggested Activities:**

1. Collect items from our Wish List such as paper products, canned goods, or cleaning supplies through your church, school, club, or scouts.
2. Prepare food for the families such as a casserole, dessert, or snack.
3. Prepare individual snack bags for families to take to the hospital. The bags could include nuts, crackers, cookies, or trail mix, as an example.
4. Collect pennies in your classroom; scout meeting, home or club.
5. Collect funds for the Share a Night program from friends, family and acquaintances. The Share a Night program covers the room expense for families that are unable to pay.
6. Have a neighborhood bake sale, rummage sale or neighborhood car wash and donate the proceeds to the Share a Night program.
7. Collect personal size toiletries, mints, gum, note pads, pens, etc. and make gift bags for the families.
8. For a birthday or other special occasion, have a party and ask the guests to bring an item from our “Needs List” for the house or collect donations for the house in lieu of gifts.
9. Make holiday decorations for the doors of the guest bedrooms. There are 34 bedrooms at the East House, 18 bedrooms at the West House and 14 bedrooms at the Tampa House.
10. Make thank you cards out of light-colored construction paper for residents to sign to thank the donors of home-cooked meals. The cards should be 4” x 5.5” and left blank on the inside.

**Please let us know about your project before you begin. For questions, in St. Pete call Lise Fields at (727) 821-8961, ext. 7679 or in Tampa, call Laura Wright at (813) 254-2398, ext. 317.**