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Helping Families Navigate the COVID-19 Crisis

Living through the COVID-19 pandemic has not been easy for anyone. But imagine having to deal with the threat of COVID while your child is in the hospital receiving critical medical care. We have been working tirelessly these past few months to make life just a little bit easier for families, like Cinder's, in that situation.

Little Cinder St. Clair was born prematurely and spent three months in a hospital in Reno, while her mom, Lacey, stayed at the nearby Ronald McDonald House up in northern Nevada. Once she was strong enough, Cinder was transferred to Sunrise Children's Hospital in Las Vegas for heart surgery. Lacey quickly followed, arriving at the House in mid-March, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was escalating.

As if the COVID situation wasn't stressful enough, pre-surgery complications led to a longer-than-expected hospital stay. Baby Cinder eventually was able to undergo the surgery, and within a week she had fully recovered and was ready to head home.

"The staff always went above and beyond my expectations," says Lacey. "They always had smiles, they got to know me, and they showed they cared! Thank you to everyone for all your support!"

Thanks to generous supporters like you, after 48 nights at the House, Lacey and Cinder headed home to Carson City and the rest of their family!

Paint It Forward with Pinot's Palette!

It's time to paint, drink, and have fun!

Join us for a virtual Paint It Forward event on Friday, June 19th at 6:30pm, hosted by Pinot's Palette and benefiting RMHC Las Vegas.

A teacher from Pinot's Palette will be leading the online painting lesson, where you'll learn how to paint a colorful, relaxing beach scene. Invite a friend (or two!) and take part from the comfort (and anonymity) of your living room! No one except you will know if your painting doesn't turn out quite like you expected 😊

$10 from every reservation will be donated to RMHC Las Vegas. **CLICK HERE** here for more information on how to participate!

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COVID-19 House Updates

Many of you have been asking, and we want to provide an update on the status of our House and other programs as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 situation. We continue to serve families in need, and we have implemented new processes and protocols to keep both our families and staff members safe.

- All staff and family members must wear a face mask in all communal areas of the House (check out our CEO, Alyson McCarthy, wearing this cute RMHC Las Vegas branded mask!).
- We are providing family members with personal protection equipment (PPE) when they check into the House, including gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- We have implemented stringent cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and have placed safety signage and social distancing reminders throughout the House.
- House staff continues to prepare and

deliver meals to families in their rooms.

In addition, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program has spent the past two months on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. While we had to suspend the Care Mobile's regular operations as a mobile dental clinic for children, we were more than happy to re-purpose the vehicle as a mobile COVID-19 screening and testing site, located at the Nevada Health Centers' Martin Luther King clinic. With public testing more readily available now, the Care Mobile will soon be transitioning back into helping children in need of dental services across the state.

We are also continuing our efforts to re-open our Family Room and other volunteer programs. **CLICK HERE** to stay up-to-date on everything happening at the House!

Become One of Our Hearts of the House!

Help keep families close to their hospitalized children by becoming one of our Hearts of the House, and making a commitment to a recurring donation.

You choose how much and how often you'd like to give - it can be monthly, quarterly, or annually. Even $10 a month helps us provide care and comfort to sick children and their families!

Automating your donation also helps us save on administrative costs, which means more funds go directly to helping families.

Your ongoing support as one of our Hearts of the House will ensure we have the funds necessary to help keep families strong during their child's illness!

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