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January 2021 | Notes from Home

Helping Families Through the Holidays

This past holiday season was challenging for many, but it was especially tough for the families staying at the Las Vegas Ronald McDonald House.

With your support, we continued to serve families throughout the holidays, making sure they were able to stay close to their children in the hospital, even if they couldn't be with their extended families back home.

The Katembwa family was in town from Georgia celebrating a birthday when Mom went into labor at 29 weeks. Baby boy Joseph was born premature and spent close to two months in the neonatal intensive care unit. Because of supporters like you, Joseph's family had a place to stay while receiving the necessary medical treatment to grow and gain enough strength to go home.

After 53 nights at the House, the Katembwa family was able to head home right before Christmas!

We also were very excited to be able to hold our annual holiday party for current and former families! This year we held a drive-through event, with families stopping at various gift and activity booths along the route.

The event ended with an opportunity for the excited kids to take photos with Santa!

Thank you for providing a 'home away from home' for our families this holiday season!

Fill the Pantry for Our Families!

Join us for our annual Fill the Pantry Food Drive, happening Saturday, February 6 from 9am - 12pm!

RMHC volunteers will be stationed at Smith's Food & Drug store locations throughout Las Vegas, Henderson, and Pahrump, handing out wish lists and collecting donations. This event fills our pantry for an entire year for families staying at the House.

We understand not everyone is comfortable shopping in person at a grocery store right now, so we've expanded the ways you can participate in 2021:

#1 - Buy a Smith's Gift Card and have it mailed directly to the House, allowing us to buy fresh groceries year-round for our families. Click below to buy a gift card. Choose an amount, click 'Yes' that it's a gift, fill out the rest of the form, and then click 'Add to Cart.' On the shipping page, just be sure to include our address: 2323 Potosi St., Las Vegas, NV 89146.

Purchase a Smith's Gift Card

#2 - Make an online donation to our food drive. We'll use the money throughout the year to make sure our kitchen is stocked with fresh produce!

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#3 - Buy a few items off our online wish list and have them delivered or drop them off at the House (2323 Potosi St., Las Vegas, NV 89146).
Link to the wish list will be available soon!

And remember to sign up for the Smith's Inspiring Donations Program. With each grocery purchase, Smith's will donate back to your charity of choice. **CLICK HERE** for step-by-step instructions on how to enroll, and start supporting RMHC Las Vegas every time you shop at Smith's!

RMHC Scholarship Applications Due Jan. 18

Do you know a high school senior? Please remind them applications for the RMHC Scholarship are due by the end of the day on Monday, January 18th!

Since 1999, RMHC Las Vegas, along with McDonald's and community partners, has awarded more than $4.4 million in scholarships to eligible high school seniors and alumni in Clark and Nye counties.

The application process is 100% online and it's not too late to start an application! For more information on eligibility and how to apply, just head to our website:

RMHC Scholarship Info & Application

YOU Can Make Dinner for Our Families!

After spending a long day at their child's bedside in the hospital, our families know they'll be coming back to a home-cooked meal at the House.

And that's where YOU come in!

We invite small groups of up to 4 adults to prepare a comforting home-cooked meal for our families. (*We are currently not allowing anyone under 18 to participate in the Dinner Program*). Dinner groups purchase the food, then prepare and package dinner into individual containers for families.

We have several available upcoming dates on our Dinner Volunteer Calendar, and we'd love to see your culinary skills put to good use! To learn more about the new dinner guidelines, browse the available dinner dates, or to sign up for a dinner date, **CLICK HERE**.

Your willingness to make dinner means our families have one less thing to worry about. Thank you!

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