RMHC® of GREATER LAS VEGAS

July 2021 | Notes from Home

Dear Friend,

Twenty three years ago, the Ronald McDonald House opened its doors as the first and only facility of its kind in Las Vegas. I was at the ribbon cutting! While it was in a different professional capacity, the mission took root in a special place in my heart. For almost ten years, I've had the privilege of working at the Ronald McDonald House and meeting families, like Amen's, during their stay.

Amen and her family are from Reno, Nevada, and she had to be life-flighted to Sunrise Children's Hospital for heart surgery on the day she was born. What's more devastating is that her parents couldn't fly with her due to COVID restrictions on the helicopter. Because of supporters like you, the family of six had a safe and supportive place to stay together for 54 nights while Amen received critical medical treatment in Las Vegas.

Please continuing reading this edition of "Notes from Home" to see how you have made a difference in the lives of families like these, as well as an update on our programs and volunteer opportunities. And be sure to save the date for our largest fundraiser of the year!

Sincerely,

Alyson McCarthy
CEO

2020: The Difference You Make

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors, the Ronald McDonald House served 198 families for a total of 2,156 nights in 2020, saving families $259,388 in lodging costs.

RMHC® of Greater Las Vegas recently released its 2020 Impact Report, highlighting the impact donors had on the organization's mission to improve the health, education, and well-being of children in the community.

"The Ronald McDonald House allowed me to be with my baby every single day, and I feel like that's the reason she was able to heal so quickly," says Alaska, who stayed at the House for nearly five months. "I don't know what I would have done without the House."

Highlights include:

- The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® provided nearly $500,000 in dental treatment and services to 811 children throughout the state.
- More than $163,500 in scholarships were awarded to 136 students.
- The Ronald McDonald Family Room®, located at Sunrise Children's Hospital, provided a quiet place of respite to 2,300 family members.

To view the full 2020 Impact Report, **CLICK HERE**.

A Special Thank You To Our Donors

In our beautiful living room, we have the honor of displaying the names of individuals, organizations, and businesses, who have contributed to our special mission.

In the past year, we added 37 names of individuals who have donated a total of $5,000 or more in their lifetime or organizations and businesses who have donated $10,000 in their lifetime to the Ronald McDonald House.

Their names will remain on our growing donor wall indefinitely as a lasting reminder of their generosity and commitment to keeping families close when it matters most. Congratulations to these supporters for this wonderful milestone!

Ways To Donate

Lunch Is On Us! Program Ending in 2021

After more than 15 years and with more than 450,000 lunches served, our Lunch Is On Us! hospital meal delivery program has come to an end due to COVID-19.

RMHC Las Vegas extends a heartfelt thank you to the thousands of individual and corporate group volunteers who spent countless hours making and delivering the lunches over the years, and to all the volunteers who decorated the lunch bags with inspirational messages and colorful pictures.

While the program is going away, the need for simple comforts remains. RMHC Las Vegas will be launching a hospitality cart program in the near future to deliver healthy snacks, blankets, books, toys, hygiene items, and much more.

You can read more **HERE** about the decision to end the program, and our plans for the future.

New Volunteer Opportunities!

The majority of our volunteer programs have resumed normal schedules, plus, **we're excited to announce two new volunteer opportunities**!

Read up on our two new opportunities below, or **CLICK HERE** to see all the ways you can give back to the families staying at RMHC Las Vegas.

Desserts n' More

Previously known as our Cookie Crew, we're reopening our sweet treats program as Desserts n' More!

Pick your favorite brownie, cupcake, cookie, or other dessert recipe, and come and bake for our families!

This opportunity is great for small groups of up to 5 people, and is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Holiday Decorating

We love to decorate our House and our Family Room at Sunrise Children's Hospital for holidays throughout the year.

Volunteer groups can help us by designing and creating fun, colorful decorations for our families to enjoy.

Groups must request a holiday and provide enough decorations for all common areas.

Discover Our Volunteer Opportunities!

Please join RMHC of Greater Las Vegas for our annual gala, ***'The House That Love Built,'*** on **Saturday, September 25 from 6pm - 10pm!** This year's event will take place at the M Resort, located at 12300 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Henderson, NV 89044.

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