

Around the House

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Wes Pak travels to NYC every two weeks for cancer treatment. Read Wes' story to learn what every family fighting cancer wants you to know.





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Ronald McDonald House New York provides a temporary "home-away-from-home" for pediatric cancer patients and their families. The House is a supportive and caring environment which encourages and nurtures the development of child-to-child and parent-to-parent support systems. Ronald McDonald House New York is the largest facility of its type in the world.

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

People often ask me what makes Ronald McDonald House New York so special. After years of trying to describe the House in a way that truly does it justice, I realized that the best way to explain the House is for people to experience it. Now, when people are really interested, I invite them to tour the House and see what happens there firsthand.

We recognize that it isn't easy for everyone to come experience the House themselves, so we've attempted to bring you a slice-of-life glimpse into our home-away-from-home in this edition of *Around the House*. In it, you'll meet one of our residents, 10-year-old Wes Pak, from Newport News, Virginia. Because of the persistent nature of neuroblastoma, Wes and his mom travel to New York City for routine treatments to keep the cancer at bay until they find a cure.

Around the House is also a great way of highlighting all of the activities that are a part of how we try to achieve our goal of providing a superior quality of life for our children and families.

We also get a lot of support from the everyday superheroes of New York City—members of the NYPD and the FDNY. Wearing their capes and masks,

the children played games, took photos and learned how each of their heroes helps to keep the city safe.

Our ability to serve our children and families depends on our amazing donors, many of whom work hard at a variety of fundraising events each year. Our events season kicked off with our highly-anticipate Skate with the Greats, thanks to the continued support of our friends at the NY Rangers, and followed by two endurance events, including the NYC Half Marathon and the Five Boro Bike Tour.

As is tradition in *Around the House*, we shine the spotlight on one of our Board Members in an effort to introduce all of our donors to the people who are making a difference at the House through their leadership roles. In this edition, you will meet Linda Dunham, who has had a remarkable career as a McDonald's owner/operator and has recently returned to our board after serving as Chairman of the RMHC Global Board of Trustees. Linda's passion for the mission was ignited 30 years ago when, on her first visit to the facility, she got to know a young Chernobyl survivor. In her profile, you'll learn more about the critical role played by McDonald's owner/operators in the growth and development of local chapters such as ours.



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I hope that this edition of *Around the House* provides you with a glimpse into life at Ronald McDonald House NY. Or perhaps it will whet your appetite for an in-person visit. In addition to beginning our expansion/renovation project, we will be ramping up for the wildly popular Camp Ronald, a big hit with our kids and their siblings who often find themselves in NYC for the summer months. Regardless of how you experience the magic of Ronald McDonald House of NY, I thank you for your continued interest and support.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and wonderful summer,

Tina Lundgren
Chairman of the Board

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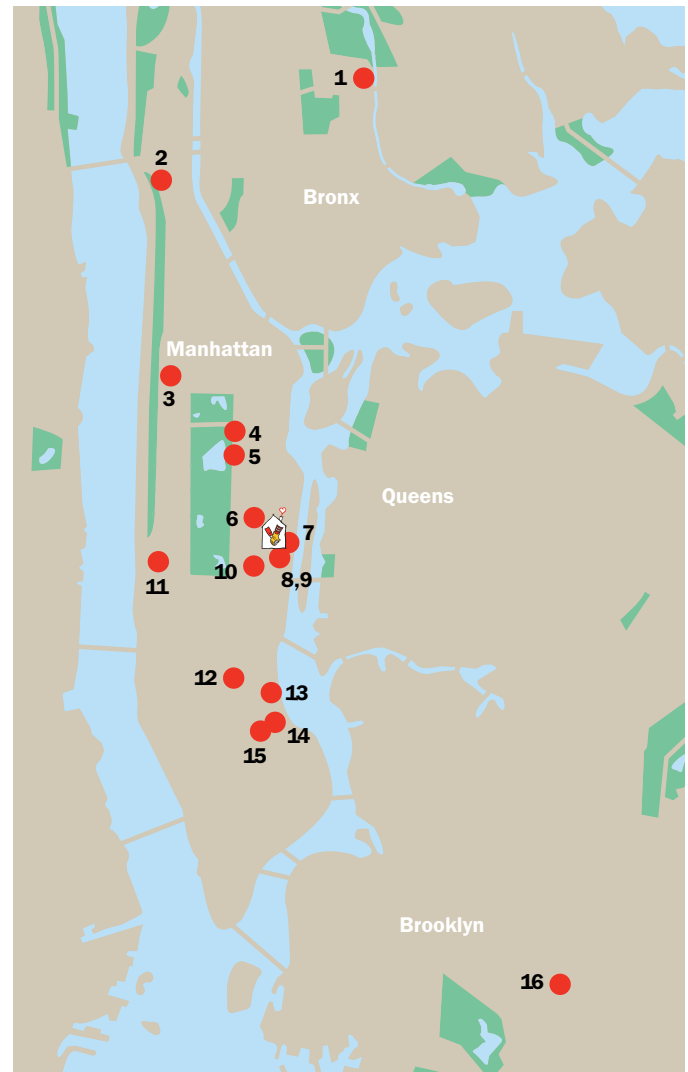
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16. Kings County Hospital Center



Calendar of Events

Marsh's Hudson National Golf Tournament

June 21, 2016

Registration: 10:30 a.m. • Shotgun: 12:30 p.m.
Hudson National Golf Club
40 Arrowcrest Drive, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Team Ronald "Heroes" Event

June 21, 2016

6:00 p.m.
Guastavino's
409 East 59th Street, NYC

Graphic Arts Industry Event

June 22, 2016

6:00 p.m.
Ronald McDonald House New York - Macy's Living Room

Panasonic NYC Triathlon

July 24, 2016

5:15 a.m.
New York, NY

Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament

Aug 1, 2016

Westchester Country Club
99 Biltmore Ave, Rye, NY 10580

Highlights

Team Ronald Annual "Heroes" Event

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House® New York will host its 20th annual Team Ronald Heroes fundraiser to benefit the Families of RMDH-NY on Tuesday, June 21st from 6-10 p.m. at Guastavino's, located at 409 East 59th Street (Directly beneath the 59th Street Bridge) in New York.

Food will be provided by Tony's DiNapoli, and music provided by DJ "Mr. Biggs." The evening will include a silent auction and raffle. For tickets and additional information, contact Terri Eggers at tegggers@rmh-newyork.org or (212) 639-0712.

Panasonic NYC Triathlon

Sunday, July 24, 2016

5:15 a.m.

From the kickoff to event day, we marveled at the grit, determination and extraordinary physical and mental fitness required to complete the 1500 meter swim, 40K bike route, and 10K run that serves as the course for the NYC Triathlon. For its fourth year, the triathlon team will be led by Board Chairman Tina Lundgren. To learn more about how you can be a part of that team, please contact Karen Kirk at 212-639-0130 or kkirk@rmh-newyork.org.

Seventh Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament at Westchester Country Club

Monday, August 1, 2016

5:15 a.m.

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Spotlight on Your Board



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Linda Dunham **President, Dunham Management Corporation**

When Linda Dunham began volunteering 30 years ago at our original location on East 86th Street, a meeting with a Chernobyl survivor inspired her to do more. A McDonald's owner/operator with restaurants in New York and New Jersey, Mrs. Dunham immediately joined the board of our local House. As her passion for helping children led her to become more active within the larger RMHC system, Mrs. Dunham was elected Chairman of the RMHC Global Board of Trustees in 2004. We are proud to have her back with us in the area reassuming her leadership role within Ronald McDonald House New York. Mrs. Dunham brings both a rich understanding of the RMHC organization's history, as well as a unique leadership perspective in our time of growth.

1. How were you originally introduced to Ronald McDonald House New York and its mission?

My late husband, Lee Dunham actually introduced me to RMH when we were on 86th Street. I was leaving my career in banking and he suggested that I join a group of other McDonald's wives at the House for an annual event that we used to call "Spring Up Day." My husband was one of the original operators who came together to start the House on 86th Street. That was our volunteer effort, and we would spend time at the House to become familiar with the mission and to assist with areas of need.

Vivian Harris [First President of RMH-NY] was there at the time and my tour group was on an elevator that broke down. The thing that was most overwhelming for me was

there was a little girl who was from Russia as a result of the Chernobyl incident. The Chernobyl incident happened in 1986, so it was 30 years ago that I came to the Ronald House to volunteer. I was so moved by the fact that she was there with her granddad and I guess her parents took turns going back and forth. They didn't speak English and I just kept thinking about the impact that that child's illness must have had on her family. By the time they got the elevator operational again, I just asked Vivian, "Is there anything I can do to help?"

Actually, my husband was asked to join the fold but his schedule did not permit him time to serve and he recommended me. I remained with the New York City House board until 1992. I had also joined RMHC as a board member in 1991.

2. How has serving as Chairman of RMHC's Board of Trustees provided a new level of insight to your work with the local chapter?

RMHC operates three core programs: Ronald McDonald House, the Ronald McDonald Family Room® and the Care Mobile, and provides grants and scholarships. I got to see the charity operating at its fullest level in 63 countries and serving nearly 10 million children a year. I am aware that you can only serve so many children within the four walls, because you're confined by space.

We're widening our horizon in New York with the launch of the Family Rooms and that will allow us to expand beyond the House to help more children. I've certainly had the opportunity to see the impact that House programs and RMHC leave throughout the world. I've visited a lot of Houses, a lot of Care Mobile programs, a lot of Family Rooms and a lot of fundraisers. I've met some incredible people who are so devoted to our number one priority – helping families of sick children. I always keep our mission as my focus and that sets the framework for all of the work that we do. I have had the opportunity to see new chapters open internationally and also seen how existing ones have changed to provide greater support to more children.

3. How has the leadership evolved within local chapters over the years?

I've seen a change in board makeup from my early days. Board membership was very local, with McDonald's owner/operators, doctors, community representatives and suppliers. Now, I see more professionals serving on the local boards. These leaders bring experience from so many different walks of life. They provide various skill sets that greatly support the advancement of our programs



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and ensure good governance. Their expertise ensures that we're on solid ground, that we have a diversity of opinion and knowledge so that we are always operating with integrity and fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities. I am happy to see a strong McDonald's presence where owner/operators and corporate officers join the board and share their perspective too.

4. In what ways do the chapters and RMHC Global support each other?

The Houses and other programs maintain a strong line of communication with RMHC Global and chapters around the world. They really try to share their experiences and best practices. Our programs are focused on local needs but much of the great work that is being done is transferrable.

As we learn more, we share more, and the programs have just grown because of those shared experiences.

At the same time, from our infancy, we've figured out that we have to perform in a different way. The world has changed so much. We've grown and we're so big that our name is recognized throughout the world. We've served so many families that we don't have the luxury of thinking small. The charity world has changed too. I saw that start to take place about 10 years ago, when we brought in consultants who helped us to understand the importance of our brand. They helped us map out plans for the future. Today we can talk about the real impact we are having on children's health. We have studies that show the importance of keeping families together and the benefit that it has on their well-being.

Overall – and no matter where I've gone with RMHC – the beginning point was about helping children. The passion is real and I have seen it repeatedly in the eyes of the many volunteers, staff, board members and donors who come together to support RHMC. They give of their time, their resources, fundraise and more to make sure that there is a place where families going through the most difficult time can have the utmost care, comfort and hope for their child. When I served on the NYC House's board, I saw that there, but seeing that commonality across the system was proof positive for me that we have stayed true to our mission.

RMHC Global provides a wealth of knowledge to the system. They provide education to board members, volunteers and staff alike. They provide a connection point for the system by bringing all parties together to share in training provided by respected leaders, sharing ideas and to work on solutions. In addition, RMHC Global provides financial incentives to the system which allows for expansion and growth of our programs.

5. Are you ever approached as an owner/operator by people who want to know how to get involved?

Always! I am proudest of the number of McDonald's Family members that have joined RMHC during my tenure as Chair. So many decided to join boards and serve on committees. People cannot help but be moved by the stories that we share. Just like my first visit to the House in NYC, people want to help. I meet people from so many different walks of life and they always ask how they can get involved. Some of them are friends or they've known of someone who stayed at a House and became inspired to ask "What can I do?"

I usually tell them that if you're a customer in the store, drop your loose change into a donation box. That's always a help. I also encourage them to write a check. If they have the time and would like to volunteer, I tell them how critical volunteers are to our success and often make a call to arrange an interview. Depending on what a local board's needs are, often I'm able to recommend them to serve on a board. I've certainly guided some young kids from schools to hold fundraisers to support the Houses.

On a broader level, people are fascinated when they come and they see that [Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Tri-State Area] has a scholarship program and see these kids who are the first in their families to go to college. That's an area of excitement for so many people; the owner/operators feel really good about it because it's in their communities, they can be proud and share what we do to help children. It's the same with our grants program. Grants give us an opportunity to put money back into the community that helps children reach their fullest potential.

6. What is your number one wish for the House and its families?

I wish for the day where we didn't need to worry about childhood cancers and other serious illnesses. We have made tremendous progress but we are not there yet so I always think about how to help more children. My greatest wish for the House is that the resources will always be there. When families walk in the door, I wish for them to feel love and comfort, and be able to maintain some hope that they're getting the very the best care... and to be comforted by the fact that they're all together. I want our families to have a life as close to normal during this difficult period as they possibly can. I wish that the families can realize some joy from the many resources that we provide and not have to think about anything but their child. I believe that's what the Houses provide. Having the Houses provide what the families need in their greatest time of need, is my wish.



Spotlight on Volunteers: Scoutreach Pop Tab Program



More than 400 participants in the Scoutreach program in New York City helped to raise awareness about childhood cancer by collecting pop tabs.

PHOTO CREDIT: Scoutreach

We're always impressed with the youth in our community and the ways in which they endeavor to help our families.

At Ronald McDonald House New York, we believe that “kids helping kids” is a very important part of the peer-to-peer support that helps our residents heal. The Boy Scouts of America Great New York Councils recently reached out to help our families by sponsoring a pop tab collection and awareness drive that not only helped the environment, but raised awareness about our mission.

Through the organization’s Scoutreach program, students in all five boroughs helped to educate their communities about pediatric cancer and Ronald McDonald House New York’s role as a home-away-from-home for families affected by it.

The Pop Tab awareness program recruited more than 400 participants who spread the word. To the members of the Scoutreach program (and their proud parents!), and all of the young leaders in our community helping families fighting cancer, we thank you for all that you do to make a difference. ●

Volunteer Groups – Thank you to the community groups who have volunteered with us and/or sponsored a dinner event during the first quarter of 2016.

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Daversa Partners
Deutsche Bank
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New York University's Stern School of Business
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Order of AHEPA
Pfizer
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Romenu
Rosetta
Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)
Sanford C. Bernstein
SaxBST
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Susquehanna University
Temple Emanu-El
Tony's DiNapoli
Univision
US Army NYC Medical Recruiting Center
Warby Parker
World Youth Alliance Africa
Yonkers Fire Department
Zenith



Family Profile: Wes Pak

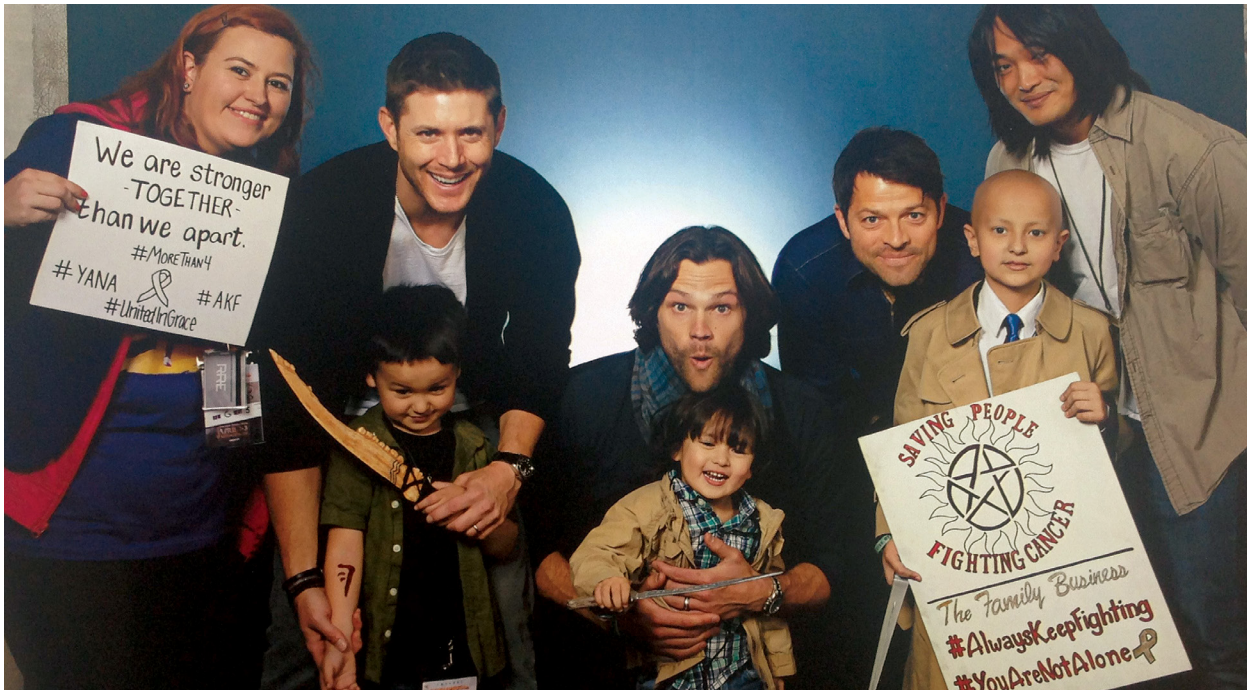


PHOTO CREDIT: Krista Pak

The Pak family received the VIP treatment from the star of TV's *Supernatural* when the cast visited with the best cosplayer in the house.

Every two to three weeks, 10-year-old Wes Pak travels from Newport News, Virginia to Manhattan for regular appointments at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Wes had been cancer-free for 23 months before his first relapse. He has had multiple relapses since, and his most recent scan in April 2016 was the first time that the family had heard that he was NED (no evidence of disease) since his last one in June 2015.

"I knew what leukemia was and brain cancer. That's about it. I didn't know what neuroblastoma was," said Wes' mom, Krista. "They tell you not to Google, but who's gonna listen to that? So while he was in the biopsy, before they knew exactly what it was, I started googling and everything I read about neuroblastoma was 'you don't want it to be this cancer,' with 30 to 40 percent survival rates. And of course, that's what it ended up being."

In June 2011, Wes' parents realized something wasn't right when he began complaining of stomach pains and his appetite appeared to be off. Doctors originally believed he suffered from constipation and prescribed medication. After two weeks with no improvement in his condition, Wes' parents began to ask more questions.

"We took him to his pediatrician, they did another x-ray and this time, there was a shadow. He ended up having a 13-centimeter mass on his abdomen, lymph nodes and his neck. We went from hearing 'it's probably constipation'

to 'it's cancer.' My first thought was how did this happen because Wes was completely healthy. I was completely shocked...devastated...We had to start chemo right away and I didn't leave the hospital for three weeks straight."

Neuroblastoma, a cancer of the nerve endings, is rare, aggressive and typically found in children five and younger. Each year, 700 new cases of the disease are diagnosed within the United States. Wes' mutation of the illness is the rarest form, and is typically diagnosed in the teen years.

Wes the Cancer Warrior Begins Treatment in New York

After a discussion with their medical providers back home, the family learned about potential options at Memorial Sloan Kettering. In November 2011, Wes and his mother arrived in New York City on the weekend after Thanksgiving.

"I had heard about the Ronald McDonald House. I had seen it on TV, I didn't know much about it, really, but of course, that's where we ended up," recalled Mrs. Pak. "I didn't expect anything like this. Coming to New York I didn't even know what to expect anyway."

Since his battle with cancer began, Wes has endured a lot: 18 cycles of chemotherapy, 34 cycles of external beam radiation; two intraoperative radiation treatments; six surgeries (five of which were more than seven hours



Family Profile: Wes Pak

long); and participated in numerous clinical trials including antibody treatments and the neuroblastoma vaccine.

“He’s done all of those treatments and he’s relapsed on all of them. He’s basically on chemo to buy us time until the something else comes along,” said Mrs. Pak. “Physically, Wes has lost a lot. He’s lost his left kidney, his adrenal gland, he’s had his colon taken apart and put back together, pieces of his intestines, he’s had pieces of liver cut out, and he’s had all kinds of issues.”

Despite everything that he’s been through, Wes has never lost his spirit, his sense of humor and his compassion for other children and adults fighting cancer just like him.

Wes is a serious anime and Star Wars fan and when he’s at the House, he spends his time in the AOL Media Lab, playing games with the other kids.

Cancer Affects The Entire Family

What many families staying at Ronald McDonald House New York want people to know is that a diagnosis of cancer doesn’t just affect the patient, it affects the entire household.

Since Wes’ diagnosis, the Paks have seen more than their fair share of hardships: the unpredictable schedule and long time on the road meant Mrs. Pak could no longer maintain her job as an electrical systems designer for a defense company. They’ve lost their house and moved three times while mom and Wes were constantly on the move back and forth between Virginia and New York City.

When Wes and his mom are in New York City, dad Myong cares for Wes’ two younger brothers. At the time of his diagnosis in 2011, his younger brother Ebin was still a newborn. After staying in New York for anywhere from two weeks to a month, homecomings always require an adjustment period for all of the Pak children. “Ebin is five now, and Eli is three. They don’t understand all of this, but I can tell it gets to them. They both have been in the cancer world pretty much since they were born with us always leaving and coming and going. The boys actually the airport is New York. Because we say we’re going to New York and then we head to the airport.”

Giving and Advocacy

“Wes has been thinking about others since he was five when he was first diagnosed. That’s why we have our toy drive. We even brought toys to the Ronald last year,” said



PHOTO CREDIT: Krista Pak

Wes and his family “trooping” with the 501st Legion and members of the mandolorian mercs at the 5th annual Wes’ Wish Toy Drive distribution which was held at their local hospital.

Mrs. Pak. “We were going in for chemo back home one day and I caught him rounding up his toys at home. I asked him what he was doing and he said he wanted to give his toys to the other kids at the clinic.”

Inspired by Wes’ altruistic spirit, the family developed the idea into “Wes’ Wish: Piles of Smiles for Kids with Cancer.” They began raising money to purchase and distribute brand new toys to other children fighting cancer. The effort has been so successful that they raised \$20,000 in toys, gift cards and monetary donations just last year. When toys are distributed, Wes helps to hand-deliver them himself.

After seeing what they had accomplished, the family created a foundation called “United in Grace,” where they work to raise awareness about childhood cancer. The family enlists local business to hang posters, pass out flyers, host donation drives and some families event put up yard signs letting people know that September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

“Without people knowing there’s a need, how are they ever going to raise the money for research. Wes has a Facebook page. I don’t like posting the happy, smiley pictures. I post the good, the bad and the ugly. People need to see that Wes does smile a lot, but there are times when he doesn’t. Those are the times that are important for others to know about.”

We wish Wes and his family every bit of love, healing and most of all hope in his continued battle against cancer. And throughout their fight, the Ronald McDonald House will be there for them every step of the way.

Visit our Web site for to hear Wes and his mom Krista tell their story at www.rmh-newyork.org. ●



Community Snapshots



AHEPA

Greek service organization AHEPA brought delicious bites and their signature hospitality to warm up the House on a cold winter night.

PHOTO CREDITS: Spiridoula Katechis



Dinner in the Dining Room

We couldn't resist a smile when seeing these adorable sisters sport their matching dresses in the dining room.

PHOTO CREDIT: Natalie Greaves



Community Snapshots



Hair Night at the Blavatnik Wellness Center

Hair artist Mary Cohen brought a very special experience for families when Catherine Teeluck of the Roy Teeluck Hair Salon joined us as a special guest stylist on hair night.

PHOTO CREDITS: Natalie Greaves



Community Snapshots

Max Arden

Thanks to Max Arden for once again hosting his Max Arden Invitational, which was held at Wollman Rink in Central Park. With the tagline “Saving Lives by Scoring Goals,” the event encourages participants to play a great game of hockey while raising funds to support House operations. We were truly impressed by Max’s commitment to helping our families, over the years and wish him continued success in his endeavors.

PHOTO CREDIT: Alanna Walker



PVH Visit

Executives from PVH visited the House as a part of the dinner program, and thanks to the support of Build-a-Bear Workshop, our young residents were matched up with “beary special” friends.

PHOTO CREDITS: Natalie Greaves



Programs: Superhero for a Day



Eighty-seven family members enjoyed spending time at the Bohemian National Hall for our “Superheroes for a Day” event.

The second annual Superhero for a Day event was held at the Bohemian National Hall with nearly 200 attendees. A total of 87 family members from three of our partnering hospitals came, along with 43 family members from the Ronald McDonald House, 30 volunteers from the House and 40 event volunteers.

Once again, Floralia Events helped with the décor, and Cloth Connection donated linens. Dylan’s Candy bar provided their signature candy selections while healthy selections were donated by Fresh Direct including wraps, veggies, juice, water and dessert. When the families first walked in they received an RMH-NY goodie bag to fill with treats collected throughout the afternoon - such as a Dylan’s Candy, lunchboxes, pencil kits, comics, cups, notebooks and more.

Each parent and child also received a cape and mask. Kids Comic Con donated their time and seven artists to sit and sketch superheroes and cartoon characters for

the children. The East Coast Avengers, including Captain America, Batgirl, Spiderman and Deadpool came and took pictures with the families.

The event also featured a photo booth to help families capture the memory of their superhero experience with props. Various law enforcement agencies also came as our “everyday Superheroes”: The NYPD K-9 unit, the FDNY, the Department of Homeland Security, NYPD’s Emergency Service Unit, the NYPD Gaelic Football team and the NYPD mounted units each had a different station for the families to explore and learn more about each department. When the families left, each child received a Superhero certificate and a variety of books to read as a family.

We are grateful for the support of our Superheroes near and far who spent the day with our little heroes. ●

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Giving News

Corporate Matching Gifts

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New York, NY 10021

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Ronald McDonald House New York
405 East 73rd Street
New York, NY 10021

The tax identification number (also known as Employee Identification Number or EIN) for Ronald McDonald House New York is 13-2933654.

For more information about Matching Gifts, please contact Joe Guidetti at 212-639-0900 or email jguidetti@rmh-newyork.org.





Events: Skate with the Greats / Half Marathon



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Half Marathon

This year's half marathon raised \$48,000 in support of House Operations, bolstered by the work of our two top fundraisers, Pia Tempongko and Sherry Vitanza, who raised \$9,300 and \$4,500 respectively.

As part of our appreciation for Team Ronald endurance events participants, we held a pre-race pasta dinner gathering in the Macy's Living Room. We truly couldn't do it without the support of our thoughtful volunteers who give their all in support of our families.

Skate with the Greats

This year's Skate with the Greats event took place on Friday, February 26th and raised more than \$760,000. Held once again at New York City's famed Rink at Rockefeller Center, the funds raised will help support the facility, which provides a home-away-from-home for families staying in New York City while their children undergo active cancer treatments.

Originally established with the support of alumni greats and longtime volunteers Rod Gilbert and Brian Leetch, the fundraiser has grown into a widely attended

and highly anticipated event each winter. For the sixth year in a row, RBC Capital Markets was the lead sponsor, with additional sponsorship from Garden of Dreams Foundation, Bloomberg, Zurich North America, PwC, Mutual of America, American International Group, Steven J. Bensinger, and Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation.

The event was emceed by Rangers legend Ron Duguay, and additional Rangers players included Nick Fotiu, Adam Graves, Ron Greschner, Ed Hospodar, Chris Kotsopoulos, Brian Leetch, Stephane Matteau, Mark Messier, Brian Mullen, Pete Stenkowski, Steve Vickers, Gilles Villemure, and Jay Wells.

Attendees enjoyed ice skating with the Rangers on the iconic Rockefeller Center rink and both a live and a silent auction with much sought-after sports memorabilia. The evening ended with an autograph session with some of the attendees' favorite Rangers players. ●

PHOTOS:

2. NY Rangers Legends with RJ Sy as he receives his jersey.
3. Stanley Cup Champion Stephane Matteau with RMH-NY Board Member & PricewaterhouseCoopers Partner James F. Flanagan and Mark Lamberti
4. NHL Hall of Famer Brian Leetch with young fans.
5. RMH-NY Board Member and Managing Director of RBC Capital Markets Robert "Bobby" Grubert and RMH-NY Board Member Judy Gilbert.



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6. RMH-NY Board Member & Managing Director of Marsh LLC Robert Howe (L.) with wife Laura (r), and Robert Stein, chief broking officer of AON Risk Solutions

PHOTO CREDITS:

- 1: Alanna Walker
- 2-6: Anders Krusberg



Events: Queens Kids Fun Run



Participants in our Queens Kids Fun Run found it was a great day out on the track for the entire family.

Queens Kids Fun Run

Our inaugural Queens Kids Fun Run event was held at the track at St. John's University this past April. The brisk morning weather couldn't suppress the excitement of the 166 runners from 33 schools. Local McDonald's Owner/Operator Luigi & Giovanna Solimeo donated 200 snack wraps, and Ronald McDonald was on hand to keep runners motivated and smiling. And between races, families took the advantage of the windy spring day to fly a kite.

Inspired by our Kids' Fun Run held in November at Central Park, the Queens event was met with great enthusiasm. We would like to acknowledge Natalia Salazar and Anna Zak of St John's University and the staff, students and parents from School District 26 in Queens, who graciously committed to raising \$15,600. We look forward to returning next year. ●

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Thank You

Ronald McDonald House New York would like to acknowledge the many individuals and organizations who help us to provide a home-away-from-home in the truest sense for our families:

2015-2016 PARENTS' PANTRY PARTICIPANTS

Aaron School	Good Ground Cleaners, Hampton Bays, NY	PS 116
Carly Abel – TL Communications	Guardian Angel School	PS 126
Baruch College Campus High School	The Goddard School Suffern, NY	PS 150
Birch Wathen Lenox School	Abraham Joshua Heschel High School	PS 183
The Blind Shepherd Fund	Hewitt School	PS 198
Brearley School	High School of Art and Design	PS 226
Browning School	Kiwanis Mapleton Club	The Rebecca School
The Cathedral School	Kiwanis Young Professionals	Regis High School
Cathedral High School	Lovitt and Associates	The River School
The Center School	Loyola School	Sacred Heart of Jesus School
Church of the Epiphany Day School	Lycee Francais	Siegel + Gale Branding Agency
Collegiate School	Mill Hill Elementary School, Southport. CT	The Smith School
The Churchill School Center	Morton Williams Third Avenue & East 63 Street (summer drive, formerly Food Emporium)	Sotheby's
Convent of the Sacred Heart School	MSKCC Empire Dragon Boat Team	St. Ann School
Dalton School	MSKCC Kimmel Center	St. Ignatius Loyola School
The Dance Studio of Park Slope, Brooklyn	MSKCC Oncology Nurses	St. Jean Batiste High School
Duane Reade Lexington and East 62 Street (summer drive)	MSKCC Pharmacy Department	Allen Stevenson School
Ecole Internationale de New York	MSKCC PIC-ICU	Robert Lewis Stevenson High School
The Epiphany Community Nursery School	Morningside Montessori School	Success Academy School Hell's Kitchen
The Epiphany School	MV4NY	Stuyvesant High School
The Family School	Nightingale Bamford School	Temple Emanuel Preschool
The Family School West	Park Avenue Methodist Day School	The Town School
Fairway Market East 86 Street (summer drive)	Park Avenue Synagogue Tikun Olum Committee	Town Residential
Fieldston School	PS 6	Trevor Day School
Food Emporium Third Avenue East 68 Street (summer drive)	PS 9	United Nations International School
Gateway School	PS 19	Wagner Middle School
Stephen Gaynor School	PS 77	Widows' Sons Cornerstone Chapter NYC (Staten Island)
Global Learning Collaborative High School	PS 87	York Avenue Preschool



Spring 2016 Wish List

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of items that help to make the transition a little easier for families staying at Ronald McDonald House New York. Following is a list of items that are urgently needed.

For the Moms and Dads

- Gift cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express
- Metro Cards (\$10 increments)

For the House

- Oven mitts and pot holders
- Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
- Cutlery
- Blenders
- Bowls and Plates

Help a Family Today with a Special Gift!

- Sponsor a room night payment (\$35/night)
- Sponsor a birthday party or special program party

Bulk Donations:

If you, your community group or company would like to share donations of new goods, seasonal surplus merchandise or other large-scale contributions, please contact Wini Cudjoe, director of House Operations, at 212.639.0400 or wcudjoe@rmh-newyork.org.

Playroom/Programs

For further information regarding Playroom donations, please contact Nelida Barreto, director of Programs, at 212.639.0800 or nbarreto@rmh-newyork.org.

For Beach and Pool

- Sun block
- Large cooler for trips
- First Aid Kits for trips
- Hand sanitizers

Nap Time

- Soft fleece blankets

Arts & Crafts

- Glow in the dark lanyards
- Glitter glue sticks
- White oak tag
- Color oak tag
- Scrapbook add-on decorations
- Crayola Color Wonder paper and markers
- Drop cloths for tables
- Feathers
- Washable Glitter glue
- Glue guns and glue sticks
- Glue dots
- Googly Eyes
- Pipe cleaners – assorted colors
- Play-Doh
- Pom poms
- Small Washable Elmer's Glue
- White drawing paper

For the Game Room

- Twister
- Card games
- Battleship
- Ping-pong balls and Paddles
- New Xbox 360 Games
- New Playstation 3 Games

For the Tot Section

- Baby dolls
- Baby doll clothing and accessories
- Soft foam building blocks in assorted colors, shapes and sizes

For the Teens

- MTA Metro Cards

For Happy Wheels Coffee Cart Hospital Outreach

- Healthy Snacks / Individual Packets:
- Granola Bars
- Kashi Bars
- Kashi Snacks
- Pretzels
- Pirates Booty Popcorn
- Wheat Thins – Toasted Chips
- Eatsmart – Garden Veggies
- Snackwells

Individual small juices:

- Unsweetened Apple Juice





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