

# Ronald McDonald House New York 2021 Q1 Newsletter

#### You provide a safe harbor for our families, especially during a challenging year.

Everyone could use a little extra love these days—a virtual hug, too! During this season of love, we are so grateful for all that you make happen.

Because of you, Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY) can continue to provide the gift of home, hope, and healing to pediatric cancer patients and their families while they undergo treatment in a challenging environment due to COVID-19. Now more than ever, we are reminded of the importance of RMH-NY's mission of *keeping families close*.

We tailored our operations to meet the needs brought about by the pandemic, ensuring our families are as safe as possible, as many are already immunocompromised. Your compassion and action help us overcome challenges, and have allowed our families to continue to utilize the housing and services they so desperately need during these times.

Your impact on the House and the families we serve is immeasurable. Thank you for the difference you made in 2020 and continue to make every day.



## Because of You-2020 Impact

During the coronavirus crisis. RMH-NY acted in the best interest of everyone. They acted quickly to protect the health of the children and families who stay there. We practiced social distancing and other safety measures to ensure the safety of the families and children. We couldn't have had a better experience through this unpresented situation. We thank them greatly.

—Family staying at Ronald McDonald House New York

Click HERE to read more RMH-NY family stories.

**36,203** Meals **Delivered** 

1.184 Rides Provided to **Hospital Appointments**  136 Digital **Programs** 

16.8-Average-Night Stays

Served

1,326 Individuals 477 Families Served

1,050 Programs To-Go Delivered to Partner Hospitals

**121 Virtual Support Group Sessions** 

> 104 Virtual **Dinner Parties**

1,203 Programs **Delivered To Families** in-House

127 Digital Wellness **Programs** 

#### **House Happenings**

Because of your confidence in our mission—and now more than ever—our team has found innovative and engaging ways to ensure children and families staying at our House have the support and resources they need. While we maintain **COVID-19 Protocols** to ensure the safety and security of our families, our team has introduced new programs including:



**WELLNESS TO-GO** 



**HOSPITAL OUTREACH TO-GO** 



VIRTUAL EVENTS



PROGRAMS TO-GO



**MEAL DELIVERY** 



VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Share the Love | Valentine's Day

Do you remember creating a beautiful Valentine's Day box and having your friends drop sweet notes and treats in on Valentine's Day? We sure do and we miss it! Our team is working to make sure our families feel extra loved during the month of February by creating both an in-House and digital box. In our Lobby, we will have a Share-the-Love wall where families can write and read notes of compassion and appreciation. Be sure to share-the-love using the link below and check out our social pages for live updates.

Random Acts of Kindness Day | February 17th

Charity Texas Hold'em Game Wednesday, March 24th 6:00 PM

**National Nutrition Month | March** 

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National Brain Tumor Awareness Month | March

Skate with the Greats | Wednesday, April 21

SHARE THE LOVE

**MORE INFORMATION** 

## **Smarter Giving For The New Year**

If you are 70 ½ or older with a traditional IRA, there's a simple way to start 2021 off on the right foot: give a tax-free gift from your IRA to Ronald McDonald House New York. Regardless of whether or not you itemize deductions on your tax-return, gifts from your IRA can significantly lower your future tax-burden. In 2021, you may have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and any donation from your IRA counts towards your RMD.

Ready to give back or interested in learning more? Use our online tool to give now, download forms to give later, or see if giving from your IRA is right for you.

"We have made our donation in honor of Deborah Jewell, a very good friend who loved New York City and especially loved children. We hope that you will join us in supporting RMH-NY in the great work it does to help children at a difficult time in their lives."

-Robert & Jeanne



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