

Around the House

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The Suero family explains how #KeepingFamiliesClose can be the best medicine.



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"When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible"

-Howard Schultz

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Dear Friends:

In the four months since I became President and CEO of Ronald McDonald House New York, I have been struck by the profound sense of purpose that drives our organization. We keep families close at the most vulnerable time in their lives. To get to the core of what we do and who we are, I have met individually with each of our employees, many of our families, Board members, and some of our hospital partners. It has been both gratifying and humbling to become fully conscious of the crucial role RMH-NY plays in an elaborate ecosystem of pediatric cancer care.

Families come from all over the world to stay with us while their child undergoes treatment. This is the world's House. I spoke with a young girl from Croatia who, when she first got to the House, spoke little English and was very shy. She has blossomed in her time here and is now so engaging, dynamic, and outspoken. I met a boy from Saint Vincent who was outgoing and upbeat when he told me that though he had been in-patient for two weeks, he was feeling okay and was just happy to be back at the House. I watched as these two children became fast friends and played in the Playroom together.

Our multicultural diversity is one of our greatest assets and we are working to ensure that we support the values, beliefs, and behaviors that families of many cultures bring to the House.

Year-round, the programs and services we provide help children and caregivers forget about long days at the hospital and spend time as a family. None of what we do would be possible without your support. Over the holidays, this support allowed our families to come together and celebrate the season, even as they were so far from home. It is because of you that, even in the most trying of times, these families are able to make happy memories. Following the holidays, however, we also felt sadness in the passing of Frank Pellegrino, member of our Board of Directors and friend of many years. Our heart goes out to his family, just as his heart always went out to us.

I believe compassion is not simply a noun. It is an action. We are proud to open our first Family Room at New York Health + Hospitals / Kings County, the largest public hospital in New York City with some of the most vulnerable families in the county. Our House expansion project, slated for completion by Labor Day, will allow us to accommodate and help more families than ever.



We are hard at work preparing for our expanded scope and scale. Strategic planning in concert with our Board of Directors, staff, and hospital partners is currently underway. Our staff and volunteers are participating in ongoing training in the fields of pediatric cancers and advances in cancer treatment. In the rapidly changing world of pediatric disease, we will be ready to meet the needs of our population. Our focus at Ronald McDonald House New York remains clear. Everything we do is for the benefit of the families we serve. It is truly my honor to be part of that venerable mission with you.

Sincerely,

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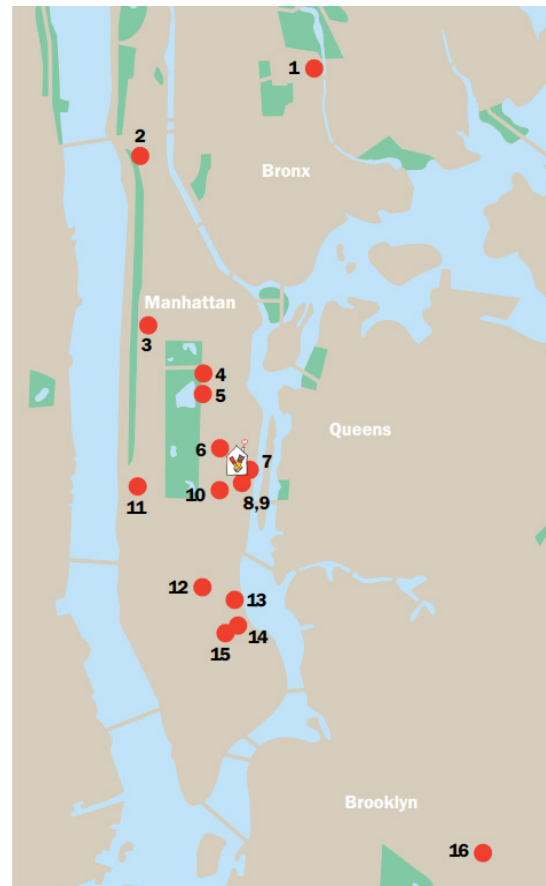
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www.rmh-newyork.org/who-we-are/leadership

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1. The Children's Hospital at Montefiore
2. Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian
3. Mount Sinai St. Luke's
4. Kravis Children's Hospital at Mount Sinai
5. The Mount Sinai Hospital
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11. Mount Sinai Roosevelt
12. Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone
13. Bellevue Hospital Center
14. Mount Sinai Beth Israel
15. New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai
16. NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County



Upcoming Events

Children's Happy Faces Foundation Casino Night
Friday, March 10, 2017
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Fino Wall Street

United Airlines NYC Half Marathon
Sunday, March 19, 2017
Time: 7:30 am
Location: 13.1 miles around Manhattan

Queens Family Fun Run
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: St. John's University

Hogs for Hope "Hope to Ride" Motorcycle Run
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Time: 9:00 am Registration, 11:30 am Kickstands Up, 1:00 pm Party
Location: Croton Gorge Park Police Escort Ride to JFK Marina on Hudson River

Hibernian Provident Golf Classic
Monday, May 1, 2017
Time: 10:00 am Shotgun
Location: Elmwood Country Club

TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour
Sunday, May 7, 2017
Time: 6:30 am
Location: Battery Park

Greek Walk-A-Thon
Saturday, May 13, 2017
Time: 9:00 am Registration, 11:00 am Walkathon Begins
Location: Ronald McDonald House New York

25th Annual Gala
Monday, May 15, 2017
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Location: Grand Hyatt New York

12th Annual Marsh-Hudson National Golf Tournament
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Hudson National Golf Club

Heroes Volunteer Event
Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Location: Guastavino's

Check out our website for a full and updated list of events:
www.rmh-newyork.org/events



CEO, Ruth Browne, with our kids



Children's Happy Faces Foundation Casino Night



Ronald McDonald House New York Gala 2016.
Tina Lundgren and Oscar Feldenkreis

Snapshots Around The House





38th Annual Volunter Recognition Dinner

With 450 guests, our 38th annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held on November 2, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Twenty-one awards were distributed throughout the evening to individual and group volunteers in acknowledgment of their service to the organization. Jeannie Reigel, one of our dedicated Coffee and Cookie ladies, hit the ultimate milestone celebrating her 30th anniversary as a volunteer at the House.

The guests not only had the pleasure of gathering to pay tribute to the volunteers of the Ronald McDonald House but also to honor four individuals who have made such an impact that their peers nominated them for the highest award the House can bestow upon a volunteer, the Hope Award. Chris Fields, Dennis McGarry, Jim Lewis and Paul Sengakis were this year's recipients, and each individual demonstrates an outstanding commitment to keeping families close at Ronald McDonald House New York. And that wasn't all! The House invited three families, who have come back and forth to the House for the past 18 years, to come to the dinner to thank our volunteers for all that they do.

Our 2016 Hope Award Recipients

Chris Fields, a devoted Thursday Night Team Member, has been volunteering at RMH-NY since 2002. Over the past fourteen years, she has gone above and beyond for our families, and her selfless dedication to the House is evident in all that she does. Whether she is organizing a nightly activity or working behind the scenes at a fundraising event, Chris exudes a "can-do" attitude that is infectious. Her upbeat approach is unparalleled, and she has proven to be an invaluable member of our RMH-NY team.

For over 20 years, **Jim Lewis** has made an immeasurable impact on RMH-NY and the families at the House. As the Owner/Operator of the local McDonald's, Jim not only provides financial support, but also donates his time and services in order to meet the needs of the House. From helping advertise for the Kids Fun Run to stocking the Happy Wheels Coffee Cart, Jim never ceases to exceed expectations. Time and again, Jim has proven to be an outstanding volunteer and supporter of RMH-NY.



As a volunteer for both the Tuesday Night Team and the Happy Wheels Coffee Cart Team, **Paul Sengakis** is a dedicated volunteer who always takes initiative. For 22 years, Paul has displayed a level of commitment that is simply beyond compare. He is humble, reliable, and appreciated by all who meet him. When he walks into the House, Paul has a smile on his face and is ready to put the families and children first. In all that he does, Paul truly embodies the spirit of RMH-NY.



Dennis McGarry is described by his Wednesday Night Team Members as the "guy who is always there." In the past six years, he has grown to be a leader and beloved volunteer at the House, always smiling and offering a helping hand. Week after week, Dennis prioritizes RMH-NY's needs above his own and tirelessly advocates for the families at the House. His commitment is unmatched, and since 2010, he has truly demonstrated what it means to be a volunteer.

Unfortunately, Dennis was not able to attend our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Instead, his award was presented on his team night in front of his fellow volunteers and our families.



In Memoriam Frank Pellegrino

With great sadness and deepest sympathy, the Board of Directors, Volunteers and Staff of Ronald McDonald House New York acknowledge the passing of dedicated Board Member and friend, Frank Pellegrino. The actor, author, restaurateur and owner of the iconic Rao's first got involved in RMH-NY when Ken Langone, a friend and patron of his restaurant, recruited him to host an event for Ronald McDonald House over ten years ago. Since then, Mr. Pellegrino had joined our Board of Directors and continued to host the fundraising event every other year, raising about a half a million dollars each time.

In an interview for a Spotlight in our Fall 2015 Around the House, Mr. Pellegrino said, "At Ronald McDonald House, when we save a life there we never know what that child is going to give to humanity in the future. We are giving these children a shot at a decent life. Building a foundation. To know, perhaps, that I was a tiny, tiny piece of that, I can leave this earth saying 'Maybe I did something right, maybe I did something good.'" To all of us at RMH-NY, it is no question that Mr. Pellegrino did something right and good. His commitment to the Board, our House and our families has been unparalleled, and we are incredibly fortunate to have been the recipients of his kindness.

Mr. Pellegrino will be deeply missed by the RMH-NY community, and we extend our sincere condolences to the entire Pellegrino family.

HFF Donates Trip to Broadway!



Thanks to HFF, a commercial real estate capital intermediary, our families were able to enjoy an amazing trip to see *The Lion King* on Broadway this past December. Raising over \$6,000, the HFF community banded together to help send our families on this special NYC excursion. Eric Anton, Senior Managing Director at HFF and member of the RMH-NY Board of Associates, explained how giving back is simply a part of HFF's culture and how its employees are not there "to make a living, but rather to make a life." Thank you, HFF, for this wonderful gift!

Thank You to the community groups who have volunteered with us and/or sponsored a dinner event from October 1, 2016 through January 1, 2017

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| Happy Faces Foundation | The Company Store |
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| ITG | Tony's Di Napoli |
| Java Girl Group | Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine NY |
| Jefferies | Traci Smith and Family |
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Did You Know...
Our corporate and community groups saved our families over \$600,000 in 2016 by providing nutritious meals.



Above: Bruce Dimpflmaier of Tony's Di Napoli

An RMH-NY Love Story

At the corner of 73rd Street and 1st Avenue, just steps away from Ronald McDonald House New York, sits Session 73, a restaurant often frequented by RMH-NY volunteers. When Corby Thomas, owner of Session 73, offered to host a fundraising event for RMH-NY in August of 2012, he did not know that his future wife would soon be walking through his doors.

Megs (DiDario) Thomas, had been a dedicated volunteer for just over a year and had taken over the House's volunteer-run communications team. On that summer night, Megs entered Session 73 prepared to write an article about the fundraising event for the House's volunteer newsletter, *The Volunteer Times*, but she left with something much greater!

At the insistence of Terri Eggers, Director of Volunteers, Megs approached Corby to ask him a few questions about the event. What was supposed to be just a short interview turned into a five-hour long conversation. Their friendship quickly grew into a romance and the rest is history.

On September 17, 2016, Corby and Megs tied the knot with the Director of Volunteers and many House volunteers in attendance. Terri toasted the couple at the rehearsal dinner, emphasizing how the two are not only generous volunteers, but also extremely valued friends of the RMH-NY community.



In lieu of party favors at their wedding, Megs and Corby decided that they would like to make a donation to the House, putting cards at each table to inform their guests and spread awareness about the House.

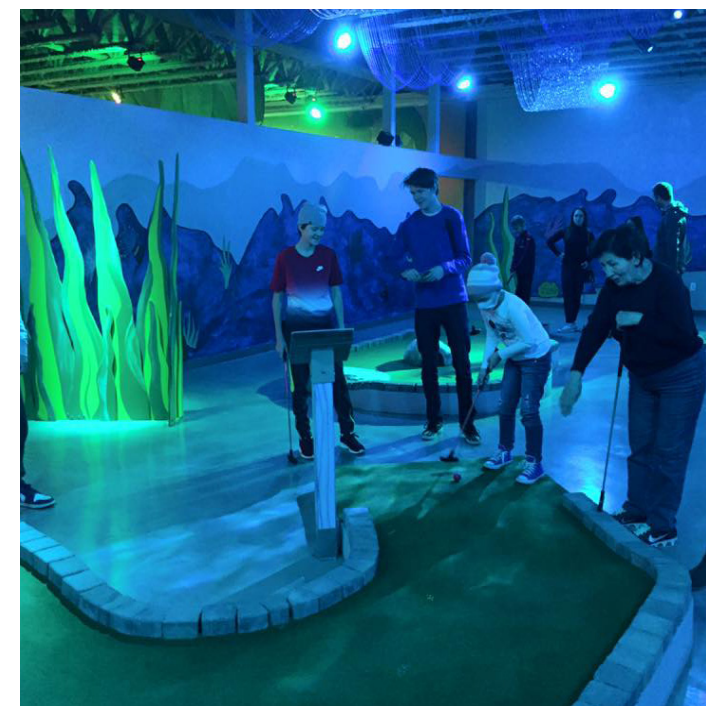
We could not be happier to congratulate Corby and Megs and thank them for including us in their special day. We are so grateful for their continued support of the House—the place that brought them together in the first place—and wish them the very best in starting their lives together!



Youth Advisory Council: Mini Golf Trip

On December 3, 2016 RMH-NY's Youth Advisory Council, a dedicated group of high school students who meet throughout the year to organize events that benefit the House, hosted a miniature golf trip for our families.

That Saturday morning, a group of Youth Advisory Council volunteers and families boarded a bus to Shipwrecked, an indoor pirate-themed miniature golf venue in Brooklyn.



Our families enjoyed pizza and a mini-golf experience unlike any other! The day was filled with smiles and laughter, and we cannot thank our Youth Advisory Council volunteers enough for helping organize such a wonderful event.



#KeepingFamiliesClose

For the Suero family, the road to Ronald McDonald House New York has not been easy. However, when watching the family of five interact with one another, as they constantly smile and laugh together, it is impossible to tell the struggle they have faced since Luis' leukemia diagnosis.

As they shift back and forth between English and their native language, Spanish, the Suero's appear overwhelmingly grateful to be in each other's presence. Luis, now 17 years old, has been living at RMH-NY with his mother, Ilsa, for over a year and a half. His two older sisters, Silvia and Ilsa, and his father, Silvio, are currently visiting from their home in Dominican Republic, and it is clear that they are overjoyed to be reunited as a whole family.

It was only a few years ago that Luis, while travelling in the US, found himself feeling sick. After a month of tests here in New York, Luis, at age 15, received his diagnosis: leukemia. Following his diagnosis, Luis spent two and half months in the hospital with his mother by his side. When he finally got out in May 2015, he and his mother settled at their new home, Ronald McDonald House New York.

When looking back on those first few months, Silvio, Luis' father, describes how difficult it was for the family to cope with the diagnosis as well as the decision for Luis and Ilsa to stay in New York. When Silvio first learned about RMH-NY, he immediately turned to the Internet to research the organization and very quickly decided that it was the best place for Luis. He explains, "It's a blessing to have Luis and Ilsa stay at Ronald McDonald House together. Ronald McDonald House makes the stay here easier. I am not saying that just to say it. It is simply the truth."



Silvio emphasizes the importance of having the family together as much as possible. He says that Luis feels better when they are all close by, as he views Luis' treatment as twofold: "There is the medicine and then there is the love and strength that comes from our family being by his side. The two work in tandem."

As the family reminisces on the past couple years, they elaborate on how returning to RMH-NY at the end of the day has given Luis a distraction from what he faces at the hospital. Coming home to the House is comfortable for Luis and allows him to play and be a normal teenager.

While Luis has countless favorite memories, he particularly enjoys playing games with the staff and volunteers, taking trips to the theater to see a movie, and meeting celebrities when they come to visit. One of the family's most treasured memories was when Luis was chosen to have Broadway composers and performers create an original song about him through the 'Songs in the Key of Me' event hosted by the House and Broadway Inspirational Voices.

While the Suero family lights up as they talk about these joyous experiences, Silvio attributes the family's constant positivity to Luis: "He is our hero. He has taught us a lot. He believes this is temporary and that he will be able to go back home soon."

"There is the medicine and then there is the love and strength that comes from our family being by his side. The two work in tandem."



Until he and Ilsa can return to Dominican Republic, the Suero's cherish the few times a year when the family can be together. Silvio describes this valuable time, saying, "Without family, it is almost impossible to get better. That is where Ronald McDonald House comes in. It makes everything easier for the whole family, not just the patient. It is the best thing that could have happened to us."





Songs in the Key of Me

This September, we celebrated our sixth annual “Songs in the Key of Me” musical event. Through a partnership with Broadway Inspirational Voices (BIV), a total of five children from the House, Hospital for Special Surgery, and Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital were paired with Broadway composers and performers to compose and present original songs.

Each child met with his or her composer for two sessions, which allowed the two to get to know each other and, out of that collaboration, a truly personal song about each child was written. A spectacular concert featuring the original songs and additional performances by BIV was held at the historic Burden Mansion. Many family members, friends, Broadway artists and professionals attended this special event. Many thanks to Michael McElroy for his leadership in this extraordinary opportunity. Additional thanks to composers Jason Robert Brown, Jeanine Tesori, Griffin Matthews, Matt Gould, Amanda Yesnowitz, Barbara Anselmi, and Tasha Michelle.



Fall Outreach Events

More than 150 patients, family members, doctors, hospital staff and volunteers attended the fourth annual Boo Bash at NYC Health + Hospitals / Kings County. The T building auditorium was completely transformed into the Monster Mash Mansion, full of spooky décor, interactive games and activities, lively entertainment, and mountains of sweet treats. Sponsor Alice + Olivia went above and beyond designing the space and providing costumes for each child when they arrived. We had a wonderful spread of donated goodies including cupcakes from Baked by Melissa, cookies from Insomnia Cookies, Popchips, Honest Kids juice, Hostess Donettes and Twinkies, 18 Rabbits granola bars, and Krupa Bananas. DJ Mario had the room hopping as he kept families and staff on their feet dancing the day away. Many thanks to Stacy Bendet, Alice + Olivia, and all of our sponsors for making the Boo Bash a spooktacular success!

For our latest quarterly event, Hooray for Hollywood, families from our partner hospitals as well as House residents headed to the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens. Kids donned silver screen accessories and set out to explore the museum armed with scavenger hunt lists that encouraged new discoveries about the history of film. Along the way, they interacted with classic Hollywood artifacts, recorded movie audio in the studio, and made their own stop motion shorts. Best of all, each family walked away with a custom flipbook featuring themselves! A tremendous thank you to Eric Eisner for sponsoring all Quarterlies in 2016. Your love and support have made all the difference to our families.



Kids Charity Fun Run

On Saturday, November 12, 2016 over 1,000 kids ran their hearts out in Central Park at the 18th Annual Kids Charity Fun Run. Twenty-eight community and school groups from Manhattan helped to raise over \$225,000 for the kids and families of Ronald McDonald House New York. The Run was organized & produced with the cooperation of the New York City Mayor’s Office & the Department of Parks & Recreation. The Lead Sponsor of the Run was The Blavatnik Family Foundation.

Did you Know...

Our Queens Family Fun Run is at St. John’s University on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Learn more on our website!



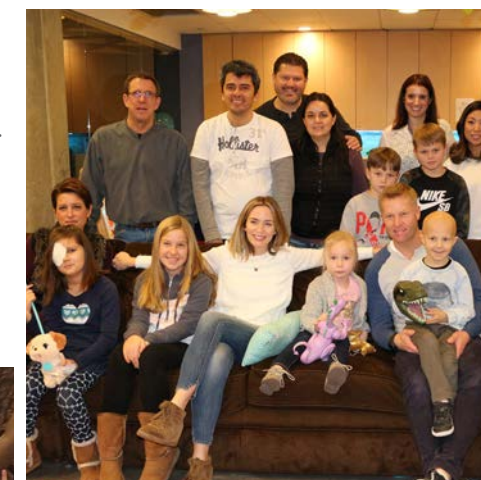
Around the House



Dorothy Billings, Friday Night Volunteer Team Leader, got the volunteering bug early. Above is a picture of Dorothy with her parents at a Boston RMH event from over 25 years ago.

Families got quite the surprise when **Robert De Niro** stopped by one afternoon. Thank you to Mr. De Niro for brightening families’ day, and thank you to our friend Meagan Celeste for helping make this wonderful visit happen. (Top Right)

Chris Pratt visited the House for the second time. In town to promote his new movie, Passengers, Mr. Pratt reached out to ask if he could come spread some holiday cheer. Thank you, Mr. Pratt, for visiting us once again. Your humor and warmth are so appreciated by our children and families. (Bottom)



Emily Blunt made an incredible appearance at the House last month not only with her sparky personality but also with toys for the children. Thank you, Ms. Blunt, for visiting the House. (Above)



10th Annual Children's Happy Faces Golf Tournament

Children's Happy Faces Foundation celebrated ten years of real estate industry support at its Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Ronald McDonald House New York. Children's Happy Faces Foundation in its 10th year has accrued over \$4 million in direct support of Ronald McDonald House New York.

On September 27, 2016 enthusiastic supporters took the greens at three separate venues, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Hudson National Golf Club and Saint Andrews Golf Club. For the evening festivities, all gathered at the Mansion of Sleepy Hollow Country Club where a beautiful sunset swept over the Hudson River.

"This being our 10th year we had the pleasure of shining the spotlight on two very special philanthropic families, the Barry Family and May Family" said David J. Lipson, CEO & Founding Member of Children's Happy Faces Foundation who is also Senior Managing Director at Century Management Services Inc. Rick Martin, Director of Development at RMH-NY also presented Mr. Lipson with a Proclamation in recognition of the success of this event, declaring Tuesday, September 27th as founding chairman David J. Lipson Day at Ronald McDonald House New York.

In her 7th day on the job, newly installed CEO and President of RMH-NY, Ruth C. Browne, SD welcomed all guests and introduced the Brewer family, presently residing at the House. The family shared their heartfelt story, describing how the staff and volunteers of the House have welcomed them with open arms and helped ease the inherent difficulties of being far from home with a child being treated for a rare pediatric cancer.

Above: Jen Bell, Arielle Barry, Stan Barry, Mitchell Barry, Marilyn Barry, Dave Lipson, Ronald

Both honoree families were greeted by tremendous applause in appreciation for their ten years of extraordinary support. Mitchell Barry proudly represented his family and Century Management, our Title Sponsor for the event. Andrew May represented his family and Hercules Corporation, our Platinum Sponsor.

In addition to Century Management and Hercules Corporation, the fundraiser was also supported by a number of notable organizations that included Platinum Sponsor National Cooperative Bank, Gold Sponsors, Efficient Combustion & Cooling, Graphic Service Bureau, ICAS Corporation, M & R Management, Morgan Stanley and Zurich Insurance. Our Silver Sponsors included Alex Dimitrief, Arthur J. Gallagher, Daniels Norelli Cecere & Tavel, Mann Publications and Bargold Storage Systems. And our Bronze Sponsors, Direct Energy, Yonkers Fire Fighters Department Local 628, Affiliated Adjustment Group Ltd., American Fire Restoration and Richard E. Capri Foundation. Brass Sponsors, Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, Bloom Energy & JAD Corporation. Colavita USA, Disaronno International and East Tennessee Distillery also contributed to the day's success.



Right: Jen Bell, Dave Lipson, Andrew May, Adam May



Above: Guests at the 2016 Masquerade

Masquerade

On October 27, 2016, Ronald McDonald House New York's Board of Associates, a non-policy making group of young professionals committed to philanthropy and the mission of RMH-NY, hosted its fifth annual "Masquerade" extravaganza. The Halloween-themed party raised over \$325,000 in support of keeping families close while their child receives pediatric cancer treatment.

The evening was led by the newly appointed Board Chairman, Dan Grattan, and included cocktails, savory and sweet hors d'oeuvres, Ricky's NYC photo booth, great music and an irresistible candy bar.

Guests enjoyed a variety of raffle prizes, silent auction items and live auction items, including tickets to Hamilton, the latest iPad Pro, a bottle of 23 year old Bourbon, and much more. We are very thankful for this year's Leadership Sponsors, Annaly Capital, RBC Capital Markets, MainFirst and Goldman Sachs—and all who attended and supported our families at the Ronald McDonald House New York!



Above: Rachel Leinwand, Dan Grattan, Tina Lundgren, Danielle DiFerdinando

Did You Know...
Children's Happy Faces Foundation uses the funds raised from their events to sponsor fun-filled parties for our families!

Greek Christmas Dinner

Our annual Greek Christmas Dinner was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the New York Athletic Club. Honoring John C. Tsunis, Chairman and CEO of Gold Coast Bank and Madeline Singas, District Attorney of Nassau County, NY with the "Annual Public Service Award", the event raised \$200,000. The 2016 Greek Division Christmas Dinner was Co-Chaired by X. Cristofer Damianos, Vice Chairman of Gold Coast Bank and John A. Catsimatidis, Jr., Board Member of Gold Coast Bank. Awards were presented to the honorees by Ruth C. Browne, SD, President and CEO of Ronald McDonald House New York and Michael Bapis, Chairman of the Greek Division and partner and Managing Director of Bapis Group at High-Tower.

The evening was supported by 415 attendees with a musical presentation by Maria Manousaki, Christie-Gayane Sochakian Kanska and Peter Klampanis. The presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Philotheos of Meloa was a blessing to all in attendance.



Above: Michael N. Bapis, John A. Catsimatidis, Jr., X. Cristofer Damianos, John C. Tsunis, Ruth Browne, SD, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, Consul General of Greece, Manos Koubarakis, Consul of Greece, Madeline Singas, Andreas Tsalikis, Spiros Maliagros.

David Yurman's Shop for a Cause

The annual David Yurman Shop for a Cause reception took place on December 8, 2016 at the David Yurman Store in Soho, and once again, everyone had an incredible evening. Featuring the beautiful Yurman jewelry, over 200 guests attended this special event hosted by Cynthia and Bob Knackal.



National Family Pajama Night with The Company Store

The Company Store, provider of quality bedding and home décor for over 100 years, has partnered with Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY) for the 6th year to host the annual National Family Pajama Night. The event was held at the House on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

This event is a family favorite where they are able to dress up in the beautiful, warm and soft pajamas that have been generously supplied by The Company Store and enjoy breakfast for dinner. This year's breakfast for dinner consisted of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, french toast, fresh fruit, and muffins. After the dinner, all families retired to the playroom for fun family games, a sock hop and family movies.

In a continued partnership with the House, for every pair of pajamas purchased between October 9th and December 19th through the online catalogue, The Company Store donates one dollar to the House. These funds will help RMH-NY's mission to provide a temporary home away from home for children undergoing active treatment for pediatric cancer.

"Ronald McDonald House New York is excited to team up with The Company Store for this family fun filled night, that will help raise funds to keep the families of the House healthy and in good spirits," says Ruth C. Browne, SD President & CEO of Ronald McDonald House New York. National Family Pajama Night is a time for families everywhere to share hugs, kisses and lots of love. The Company Store has seven different themed Family Pajamas to choose from- all festive, cozy, and a perfect fit for the whole family. Thank you very much to The Company Store for their generous donation of pajamas and dinner.



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