

Ronald McDonald House New York

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Edition



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HOUSE UPDATE

Because of you, Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY) is able to provide more than just a home-away-from-home for families so that their child battling cancer and other serious illnesses can access the treatment and support they need.

Every day, our team remains committed to going above and beyond for families battling childhood cancer and other serious illnesses so they can focus on what is most important - their child's health. As we near the start of September, we are reminded even more so of why we do what we do. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; a month for families to raise awareness and increase support for their loved ones.

A family's journey battling pediatric cancer neither begins nor ends with their stay at Ronald McDonald House New York. Leaving the comforts and safety of home to seek treatment in NYC is often a decision of last resort for families, who have already endured countless doctor's appointments, consults, and disheartening results. Life after, or in some cases in between treatments in NYC, can be equally as challenging. That is why RMH-NY provides wraparound support to our families to ensure their needs are met before, during, and after their stay with us. This newsletter offers more insight into the continuum of care RMH-NY provides to families at every stage of their treatment journey.



UNDERSTANDING RMH-NY FAMILY'S JOURNEY



PRE-ARRIVAL

- Hospital Social Worker refers family to RMH-NY
- Screening call for initial family needs



AT THE HOUSE

- Schedule standing check-ins
- RMH-NY program utilization
- Psychosocial and emotional support



DEPARTURE

- Promote a positive transition
- Opportunity for families post assessment for RMH-NY program



CONTINUED CARE

- Building community
- Extension of support and programs



OUR GREATEST NEED

DURING THE PANDEMIC, A CRITICAL NEED ALONG OUR FAMILIES' JOURNEYS HAS BEEN ACCESS TO SAFE AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, WHICH IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED CHILDREN WE SERVE. BY SPONSORING A RIDE, YOU CAN HELP BREAK DOWN MEDICAL ACCESS BARRIERS WHILE KEEPING OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE, SOLVING SOME OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THEY FACE.

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT DENEAN PAULIK AT DPAULIK@RMH-NEWYORK.ORG OR CALL (212) 639-0215.

YOUR IMPACT IN 2021 YTD

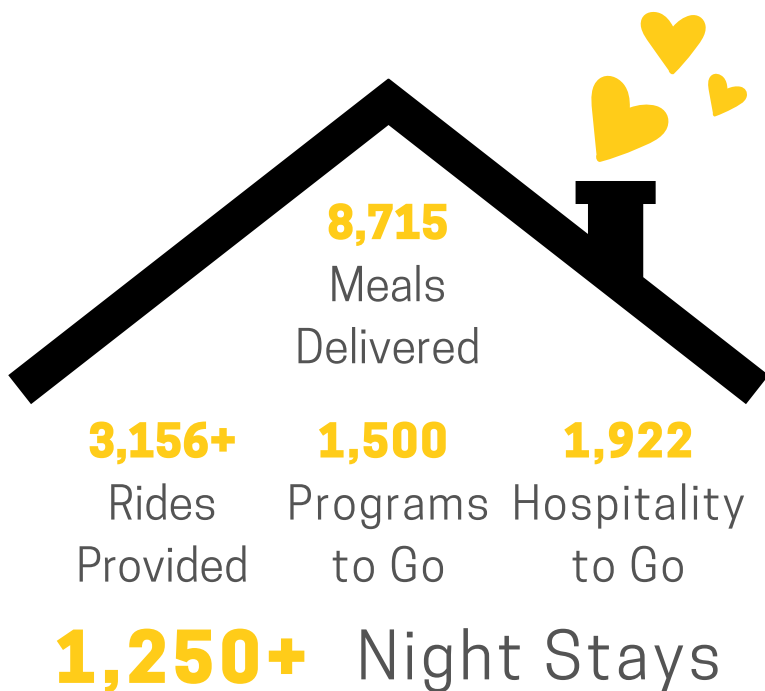


Aaliyah's Story

When Aaliyah was 3 months old, she would spit up like most babies do. But something about the different colors of her spit-up alarmed her mom, Shantangela. Despite doctors saying it was probably acid reflux, Aaliyah was eventually sent to the emergency room.

That's where an ultrasound of her belly revealed a tumor. "I wasn't prepared to hear those words. Just hearing it ... it's a shock," Shantangela recalls.

Staying in New York was a hurdle, but Shantangela says the hospital staff told her about Ronald McDonald House® New York. "They make you feel like you're right at home," Shantangela says. During Aaliyah's two surgeries in New York, they had a home to come back to after long days at the hospital. "Everyone is understanding," says Shantangela. "Here, the staff — they genuinely understand what you're going through. They're here for you. Anything you need, they're here. Activities are really good for the kids, too, because they don't have a light outside of this."



Thank the entire team on the front lines for their continued work and dedication to the House and the safety of the families.

Because of supporters like you, our staff, volunteers and hospital partners, RMH-NY is able to keep children battling cancer close to the treatment and support they need.



SAVE THE DATE

Sept

Ronald McDonald House New York Virtual Gala

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