



Helping HEARTS & HANDS

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio

Hello and Happy Spring to Everyone!

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio would like to THANK YOU for the continued support you provide. Without you, we simply cannot serve these children and families. We need YOU to deliver our mission.

We all know that the past several months have been difficult in these tough economic times. We are not any different. Times are tough here at the Ronald McDonald House as well. The families with sick children are in need of your help. We have enclosed a donation envelope in this newsletter. I urge you to consider supporting these children. Anything you can do will make a big difference in the lives of these kids. Please consider a gift of whatever you can. It will be used wisely and will make an impact immediately!

I invite and challenge you to come see what's going on around the house. Take some time to see what a difference you can make in the lives of so many families. See where your donations are going. You will agree that making a donation to RMHC is a worthwhile investment. Kids Matter!

Another great way to support us is to get actively involved. We have many great opportunities coming up:

Events to Remember!

Friday May 22nd: Spring Up Day! – This is a day that we will be spring cleaning the house inside and out. We need you to help if you can.

June 26- July 5th – Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic presented by Kroger. Once again this year we will be needing volunteers for the week (as many shifts as you can help) to help us manage hole #10.

Monday August 3rd – Fore the House Golf Outing. The area McDonald's Owner Operators team up with us to hold a golf outing at The Legacy. We will need volunteers and golfers! Please come out. This is a great time.

Friday November 13, 2009 – Ronald McDonald House Gala event. Details to come! This will be a great fun event!

All the above events are great ways to get involved in enriching the lives of children. Your contributions are GREATLY APPRECIATED! If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 419-471-4663 or email me at Chad@rmhctoledo.org.

Chad Bringman
Executive Director

Click for the House

What if you were able to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House whenever you use a search engine on the internet? Well, now you can! Visit GoodSearch.com and enter "Ronald McDonald House – Northwest Ohio" as your charity. Just 500 RMHC supporters searching four times a day will raise about \$7,300 for our families in one year!

Our Daughter, Adysyn, was admitted to Toledo Children's Hospital the first week of August '08.

At the time she was only a few hours old. It means more to us than we can possibly say, that you were so kind and allowed us to stay at your facility. Being brand new parents, it was also difficult to be away from our baby, but being able to go to the hospital within minutes was such a relief. The amenities you made available to us were very helpful and made our situation much easier to endure.

Thank you to EVERYONE, you have a wonderful staff. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Nathan & April

This letter is from a family that stayed ten years ago and still remembers us:

I had just turned 19 and was a young marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. My daughter's mother was not expecting until late Sept but when she went on vacation to Toledo our daughter just couldn't wait. On July 9th our beautiful healthy daughter was born 2.5 months early. I arrived stateside July 14th very nervous and trying to function the best I can dealing with not only the time change but becoming a new father under harsh circumstances. Being a resident of Florida and not knowing anything about the area the RMHC took me in and made me feel like family. Being in the Marine Corps it was almost unreal to the degree I was offered help and comfort. I was accustomed to earning these things and accepting this so easily did not come easy. The nice staff made it where my only worry and concern was my daughter. I met so many nice people going through so much worse than I but they were still willing to lend a hand or a shoulder. It really is a House of Love. No matter what the boundaries be, be it race, color or language.

William Cox
stayed in 1999, letter received January 2009

Donor Highlight

La-Z-Boy Incorporated
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How long have you been working with Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northwest Ohio?

La-Z-Boy became the official furniture provider for RMHC in the United States and Canada in September 2008. The La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries of Toledo have been working with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio since late last year.

What do you enjoy the most about being a sponsor of RMHC of Northwest Ohio?

Comfort is more than a tagline at La-Z-Boy, it's a commitment. The Ronald McDonald House of Toledo provides such wonderful support and comfort to families with ill children and we are pleased that La-Z-Boy furniture can bring a small sense of serenity to the parents and children who stay here, allowing them to relax and be comfortable at the end of a long day.

How long has La-Z-Boy Incorporated been in business?

We've been in the business of making comfortable recliners, sofas, chairs and more for over 80 years. In fact, La-Z-Boy can trace its roots back to 1927 when two young cousins from Monroe, Mich., – Edward M. Knabusch and Edwin J. Shoemaker – invented the world's first recliner!

What types of products does La-Z-Boy offer?

We offer a variety of comfortable products including stationary and reclining sofas, loveseats, chairs and sleep sofas – and of course our world-famous La-Z-Boy recliners!

What do you believe makes you stand out from your competitors?

La-Z-Boy products are comfortable and durable. We make our furniture with the finest high-quality materials and fabrics to ensure that they maintain their comfort and good looks even after years of use. We also pride ourselves on offering customizable furniture that can be delivered quickly, thanks to our manufacturing facilities here in the U.S.

Ronald McDonald House Wish List for 2009

Kitchen

Baking Supplies:

Flour
Sugar (white and brown)
Crisco (solid vegetable)
Oil or spray
Pop tarts
Chocolate chips
Brownie and Cake mixes
Boxes or cans of Frosting
Muffin mixes
Breakfast Bars
9 x 13" GLAD baking pans
w/plastic lids

Plastic Wrap
Aluminum Foil
Plastic storage container
Plastic storage bags,
Ziploc (sandwich, quart,
gallon size)
Paper plates
Automatic Dishwasher soap
Trash bags
(13 & 33 gallon size)
Disposable Food Containers
Cereal (Individual Size)
Fruit juice (individual size)

Bedrooms/Bathrooms

White Thermal Twin Blankets
Alarm Clocks
Energy Saving Light bulbs
Aerosol Air Fresheners
"Eco-friendly" cleaning products

Laundry Room

Dryer Sheets
Bleach
Laundry Soap
Latex gloves

Personal Items for Families

Toothpaste (small) and toothbrushes
Mouthwash and Hand soap (bar or liquid)
Deodorant
Baby afghans or quilts (NEW ONLY)

Office Supplies

Copy Paper
Batteries (AA, AAA, C & D)
Stamps

Gift cards for major stores are also accepted

Children and Family DVD's



2008 Grant Recipients

In 2008, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio awarded \$75,000 in grants to eleven Ohio groups that benefit children:

American Red Cross
Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center
The Learning Club
Riders Unlimited
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio
Toledo Ballet
Maumee Valley Civitan
Camp Courageous
The Toledo Hospital –Safe Sleep Program
Mobile Meals of Toledo

Our Grants Program enhances non-profit organizations that have programs which directly impact children. Grant funding is provided through a portion of canister donations made by customers of McDonald's restaurants in our region and in the form of matching grants from RMHC Global. The money you deposit into these canisters comes directly to RMHC NWO and a portion is gifted to other local nonprofit organizations through a competitive grants process for programs that enrich the lives of children.

Your 501(c)(3) non-profit organization still has time to submit for 2009. Upcoming deadlines are May 15, August 15, and October 15. For more information about the RMHC grant application process, please visit www.rmhc.toledo.org or call 419-471-4663.

Welcome New Board Members

The following individuals have graciously agreed to serve as Board members with terms beginning in 2009:

Dick Fuller
The Toledo Blade

Gary Yunker
Timberstone Inc.

Jeff Gable
Payak Insurance

Thank you to the following individuals that dedicated time and talent serving on the board for several years. We may have lost them as board members, but we know they all continue to serve the house in many different capacities. You will be missed!

George Brymer

Gina Shiffert

RMHC Sponsors 1st Quarter 2009

Platinum Level Room Sponsors – \$3650+

Mark Woody Klear Benefit Fund
Mark Feldstein & Associates

Gold Level Room Sponsors – \$1000+

Bay Area Credit Union
Leipsic United Methodist Church

Contributing Sponsors – \$500+

George Brymer



Planned Giving

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio Inc. is happy to announce a great Planned Giving option for you. If you have an interest in supporting this great cause far into the future, please call 419-471-4663 and ask for Chad.

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