



Dinner on the House Guidelines

Thank you in advance for providing a meal for our guest families. Your generous support helps make the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill or injured children.

Please be aware of the following guidelines before preparing a meal at our House. They may help make your experience more pleasant for your volunteers and our families.

- ♥ All meals must be scheduled in advance. To schedule a meal at the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio, please call 419-471-4663.
- ♥ All group members must be free of contagious illnesses (e.g., chicken pox, flu, colds, strep throat, etc.) when volunteering at our House. Everyone preparing food should use good hygiene practice (i.e., washing hands thoroughly and often, etc.) Please note we highly recommend wearing gloves while preparing food. We provide gloves in our kitchen.
- ♥ Due to limited kitchen and dining capacities, please limit your group size to no more than six people total. All members of a group must be 18 years or older, unless supervised by an adult. Please have one adult per five children under the age of 18.
- ♥ Your group may arrive at 4:00 p.m. or later to start evening meal preparations. Evening meals should be served at close to 6:00 p.m. as possible.
- ♥ Meals **MUST** be prepared in our kitchen or prepared in a commercial kitchen and dropped off at our House. All meals are served buffet style. Your group is responsible for cleaning any dishes used in preparation, emptying trash, sweeping and/or mopping the floor. Please leave the kitchen as clean (or cleaner!) than you found it.
- ♥ Prepare enough food for twenty (20) people. If your group is planning to stay for dinner, please increase your food to accommodate your group.
- ♥ Some popular menu suggestions include soup and sandwiches, baked potato bar, pizza, casseroles, cold pasta salads, bratwursts, hamburgers, chicken, (a gas grill is always available), cookies, cakes and pies, etc. Please do not hesitate to create your own special menu! Please refrain from Spaghetti, Lasagna and taco's
- ♥ Leftover food will be dated and put away by our Ronald McDonald House staff. No food is ever wasted and is often eaten by families returning to our House late at night or the next day.
- ♥ Please limit your photographs to your group only. Due to our families' confidentiality, their photographs may not be taken.
- ♥ If your group would like a tour of our House, please speak to our House Manager when you schedule your meal. This allows for advance planning.
- ♥ Please note that our families who are staying at our House are going through a stressful time. Please remember to respect their needs by keeping our environment at our House peaceful and friendly.