

Proceeds From Your IRA May Become Tax-Free Charitable Gifts

Remember, charitable gifts made from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) in 2009 may be made without paying taxes on them. A few of the key features of this charitable gift option are:

- If you are at least 70 years old, you can make a direct charitable IRA transfer of up to \$100,000.
- You may designate the gift to support programs or areas of your choice.
- By directly transferring IRA funds to the charity you may avoid paying income tax on the distribution. You may also avoid paying Ohio state income tax.
- This law is an extension of a bill signed into law in 2008 and is set to expire for the 2010 tax year. Be sure to complete your gift by April 15, 2010.

Consult your accountant or financial advisor on all tax issues.

Please contact Kim Bartlett at 419-471-4663, ext. 202 if you're interested in making a tax-free charitable donation, or any other type of year-end gift, to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio.

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio

Hello and Happy Spring!

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.

What an absolute privilege it is to serve as the executive director of this remarkable organization. Where else do you see the results of helping sick children get better because of the influence of your staff, the board, the countless volunteers and donations? It is incredible to see what a community can do!

We all know that the difficult economic times still loom in the air for each of us. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio is not any different. Times are tough here as well. The families and children need us more today than ever before. You can make a donation today by visiting our web page and clicking on the "Donate" button, or by sending in a donation to our office. Also remember when you visit McDonald's; please consider donating in that canister to support your local house. Those donations support so many in this community. I urge you to consider supporting these children. Anything you can do will make a difference.

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!

Chad Bringman
Executive Director

Email Address Requested

Have you provided your email address to Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio? RMHC is embarking on plans to make more of its communications available in electronic versions in the coming months. In an effort to conserve materials and reduce costs, our future newsletters, volunteer schedules, and RMHC news updates will be available both in email form and on our website, www.rmhcledo.org. We really need your help in updating our email database, so please provide us with your information. Contact volunteer@rmhcledo.org or call 419-471-4663 today! THANK YOU!

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!

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Family Acknowledgements:

The families that stay here often keep in touch with us after they leave, sending us cards and pictures. Below are a few letters we received. It is important for each of you to realize that in supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio; those that you truly support are the families who are going through a major crisis!

"R.M.H.,

Thanks for helping us in our time of need. It was nice being this close to my kids. This is a great thing, and we will definitely donate to it to keep it going for future parents and families. Thanks again! We will send pics of the boys when we get a chance."

"Dear Ronald McDonald House,

My son, Austin was recently hospitalized at Toledo Children's Hospital and we were able to stay there. It was a wonderful experience. My husband and I were able to get some sleep and take shifts being with our son. The food and hot shower were also a Godsend! Bless you and thanks for all you do. We really appreciated EVERYTHING."

Welcome New Board Members

The following individuals have graciously agreed to serve as Board members with terms beginning in 2010:

Vicky Brymer - The Image Group
James Kline - Cooper Tire and Rubber Company
Darryl Lycourt, Jr. - Huntington Private Bank
Mary Ann Michel - Fifth Third Center
Dr. John Schaeufele - Mercy Children's Hospital
Katie Schueler In Any Event...
Rasheena Taub - Verbal Wrappings
Terry Thomas - Gilmore, Jasion, & Mahler, LTD.

Donor Highlight



Barry Bagels
419.885.1000
www.barrybagels.com

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio is grateful for the donations received from Barry Bagels. With donors such as them, we are able to operate on a day-to-day basis for much less money, which helps to allow families to stay free-of-charge at the Ronald McDonald House.

How Long have you been working with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio?

Since Ronald McDonald House has been open.

What do you enjoy the most about being a sponsor of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio?

Helping others – just as others helped us when we were growing up.

How long has Barry Bagels been in business?

Since 1972.

How many locations do you have in the Toledo area?

Four, and also one in Ann Arbor.

What items are on your menu besides bagels?

A full line of deli items, including sandwiches, soups, salads, and catering.

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

Our reputation – providing the highest quality products and services.

Fan Club Card

Do you like eating out? ... how about ice cream? ... Well you now have the opportunity to save money when you do, AND help Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio! By purchasing the Fan Club Card for \$37, and marking Ronald McDonald House as your charity of choice, you get great discounts on hundreds of products, and we get a donation from Fan Club Card! It's just that easy. The card works similar to the coupon books we've all seen, but in this case, you don't have to remember the coupon book as your walking out the door. Just present your Fan Club Card to get a great discount! Interested? ... just pick up a registration card the next time you're at the Ronald McDonald House, or go online and register at FanClubCard.com. Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio!

Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic

Are you one of 75,000 spectators that enjoy the great golf played at the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic presented by Kroger each year? Did you know that by purchasing your tickets now through the Charity Ticket Program, you can also support Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio? It's true! ... buy your tickets now, claim us as your charity of choice, and we'll get 100% of the purchase price of each ticket sold. You can choose between a Weekly Grounds ticket, which gives you access to the grounds Monday through Sunday, or the Weekly Clubhouse ticket which provides you access to the Clubhouse and grounds Monday through Sunday. Either way, it's a win-win situation! Just go to www.jamiefarrowenscorning.com and click on the "Charity Ticket Program" section in the upper right hand corner of the web site. Another way to purchase tickets is to stop by the house, and pick up an order form. If you have any questions, give Julie a call at 419-471-4663, ext. 203.

RMHC Sponsors 4th Quarter 2009

Toledo Classic, Inc. (Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic presented by Kroger) - \$50,000
LPGA Korean Players - \$13,570

Sponsors giving \$3000 or more
GKN Driveline - Bowling Green
Mark Feldstein Private Foundation
Mark "Woody" Klear Benefit Fund
Toledo Orthopaedic Surgeons
Toledo Community Foundation- Algonquin Fund

Sponsors giving \$1000 to \$2999
Lions Club of Bedford
Toledo Ski Club

2009 Grant Recipients

In 2009, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio awarded \$75,000 in grants to twelve groups that benefit children:

The Sight Center
Diabetes Youth Services
Toledo Day Nursery
Sunshine Foundation
Hardin County Family YMCA
Francis Family YMCA
Assistance Dogs of America
American Heart Association
Whitmer High School Family & Consumer Sciences Department
The Friendly Center
Autism Academy of Learning
Partners in Education

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 2010. Deadlines in 2010 are February 15th, June 15th, and September 15th. For more information about the RMHC grant application process, please visit www.rmhcledo.org or call Kim Bartlett at 419-471-4663, ext. 202.

Retiring Board Members

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 I know they all continue to serve the house in many different capacities ... You will be missed!

David Koenig - Fifth Third Bank
Kara Yokum - Key Private Bank