

Ronald McDonald House Wish List for 2011

Kitchen

Baking Supplies:
Flour
Sugar (white and brown)
Crisco - solid vegetable or sticks
Oil or spray
9 x 13 GLAD baking pans w/plastic lids
Plastic wrap
Aluminum foil
Plastic storage container
Plastic storage bags, Ziploc
(sandwich, quart, gallon)
Plastic utensils
Paper plates
Paper towels
Automatic dishwasher soap
Liquid dish soap
Trash bags (13 & 33 gal. size)

Bedrooms/Bathrooms

Brown thermal twin blankets
Aerosol air fresheners
Energy saving light bulbs
Antibacterial hand soap
Bathroom cleaners
(Lysol, 409, Mr. Clean, etc.)

Laundry Room

Dryer sheets
Bleach
Laundry soap
Latex gloves

Personal Items for Families

**Toothpaste (small)
and toothbrushes**
Mouthwash and hand soap
(bar or liquid)
Feminine sanitary supplies
Deodorant
Baby afghans or quilts (New only)

Office Supplies

Copy Paper
Batteries (AA, AAA)
Stamps

Gift cards for major stores
are also accepted

Children and Family DVDs

McDonald gift cards \$5, \$10, \$15

**Bold items represent
higher need items.**

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio

Hello ... Happy Spring!

As spring begins to roll in to Northwest Ohio, everything here at the Ronald McDonald House is surely busy! We are blessed to work with so many families each day that are so very appreciative of the services that we are able to provide. This is a time where they need support more than ever and we feel that having a role in helping them at this time is wonderful.

The House has been very busy. Our occupancy rate has exceeded 100% year to date. Every day so many families need a place to call home while their children are receiving top notch medical care. Because of these expanding needs, many discussions about adding on or rebuilding the Ronald McDonald House have begun. It is very important that we realize our mission and reach out as best we can to serve the families of these children. We take our role in the continuum of health care very seriously!

This year we have also welcomed our newest Staff Member. Mike Hill has joined our team as our Development Director. Mike has been a great addition. He has hit the ground running and is helping us to better align our mission with our future families. We realize that the services that we provide families will grow a great deal. Expanding our services is critical. The need for us to work with the community in continuing to support the HUNDREDS of families we will serve every year is critical as well. Much of Mike's role will be to work

with you in the community to find the best ways to support these families and their needs to support their child's recovery. If you haven't already met Mike, please introduce yourself soon!

The Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio has so many different ways to get involved. Please take the time to visit our web site www.rmhcledo.org or call us 419-471-4663 to find a way to help children and their families today! We need your support to keep helping the families in Northwest Ohio.

Chad Bringman
Executive Director

Email Address Requested

Have you provided your email address to Ronald McDonald House Charities of NW Ohio? RMHC continues with its plan to make more of its communications available in electronic versions in an effort to conserve materials and reduce cost. Our future newsletters, volunteer schedules and RMHC news updates such as this quarterly newsletter will be available in email form and on our website, www.rmhcledo.org.

We appreciate your support by helping us update our email database, so we ask that you provide us with your confidential information. Contact volunteer@rmhcledo.org or call 419-471-4663 today. WE THANK YOU!

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on Facebook and Twitter!

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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 is a letter 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!

In December of 2010 our daughter was born premature. Soon afterward she was admitted to Toledo Children's Hospital. For the first few weeks we had been commuting from our home to see her when we were able to. In January of 2011 our daughter became ill. It was such a relief for us to be able to stay at The Ronald McDonald House so that we could be so close to our daughter. We were able to walk across the street whenever we wanted to see her or to meet with the doctors. The amenities at the house were very nice. It was very clean and the staff was all very friendly. On most evenings dinner was provided, which allowed us to spend more time with our daughter. There also was a nice play area for our son. It also was nice to be able to meet other families who were staying there and hear their stories. We are truly grateful for The Ronald McDonald House. It was such a blessing to be able to stay there.

The Guzmán Family

Donor Highlight



Calphalon
www.calphalon.com

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio is grateful for the donations received from Calphalon. 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?

Calphalon began working with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of NWO in 2010 and has committed to continue to do so.

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

Our employees get the opportunity to come together to plan and create a meal that they know will be provided to families who are dealing with a sick or injured child. We do this on a monthly basis, and our employees really enjoy being able to help those families out, when meals are the farthest thing from their minds.

We also have offered volunteers for a couple of fund raisers that the Ronald McDonald House benefitted from in 2010; our employees enjoy being able to lend a hand to these events as well.

How long has Calphalon been in business?

1963 – Ronald Kasperzak purchases a small metal spinning company located in Perrysburg, Ohio called Commercial Metal and establishes the Commercial Aluminum Cookware Company. His purpose is to expand and upgrade Commercial Aluminum's limited line of aluminum cookware for the foodservice industry.

It was in 1968 that the Commercial Aluminum Cookware adapted an electrochemical method of treating raw aluminum called hard-anodizing, a new technology, developed by the aerospace industry. Commercial Aluminum was the first company to apply this technology to cookware. This new line of hard-anodized aluminum was called Calphalon. Many lines followed after Calphalon

Hard Anodized was introduced to the retail market, but it wasn't until 1997 that the Company was renamed to Calphalon Corporation. In 1998 Calphalon was purchased by Newell Rubbermaid, joining a family of well-known brands.

Much more on the history of Calphalon can be found at <http://www.calphalon.com/AboutUs/Pages/OurHistory.aspx>

Where are you located?

Our manufacturing facility remains in Perrysburg, Ohio; we also have two distribution centers in North Toledo, and in 2008 our Corporate headquarters moved to Atlanta, GA, where Newell Rubbermaid has its global headquarters.

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

Our Mission at Calphalon is to be the culinary authority in kitchenwares, enhancing the home chefs' food experience during planning, prep, cooking, baking, and serving.

Anything else you would like us to know about Calphalon?

We are committed to partnering with our employees and the local community to maintain a strong presence in Northwest Ohio. We take great pride in our safe and friendly work environment to build and distribute some of the world's finest cookware products right here in the greater Toledo area. It's a privilege for us to share our love for cooking while supporting those in need at the Ronald McDonald House.

2011 U. S. Senior Open Championship

The 2011 U. S. Senior Open Championship will soon be here in Toledo July 25-31 providing a number of benefits to the region. Millions of dollars in economic impact, national television coverage on NBC and ESPN and 25% of the Championship proceeds going to local childrens' charities. Legendary players expected to be at Inverness Club, site of eight major golf championships, include Fred Couples, Greg Norman and 2010 U.S. Senior Open champion Bernhard Langer. Corporate hospitality and ticket packages are available with options available to meet any budget level. More details on the Championship including tickets and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.2011ussenioropen.com or by calling the Championship office at 419-536-2011.

2010 Grant Recipients

	Total Award
The Sight Center.....	\$100
The Learning Club.....	\$5,000
Anne Grady Services.....	\$5,952
Children with Hair Loss.....	\$4,800
SAFY, Inc.....	\$6,200
Spina Bifida Association.....	\$4,500
Kids Unlimited.....	\$10,000
United Way of Putnam County.....	\$7,500
Findlay Family YMCA.....	\$20,000
Double ARC.....	\$10,848

That's Me!

Baby and Children Portrait Contest

By Kurt Nielsen Photography

Through April 25, 2011, Kurt Nielsen Photography will be accepting photo entries of newborns, toddlers and older children taken during free, 30-minute sessions at the studio.

For a minimum of a \$5 donation (you may give more!) to Ronald McDonald House Charities, entrants will receive a CD Slideshow of all of the images from the portrait session. All entries must be chosen by April 30 to be eligible for the contest.

Voting will take place from May 2 – May 10, 2011. Winners will be selected by popular vote on Facebook ("Likes").

The Grand Prize winner will be announced on May 11, 2011, and featured in an ad in the June edition of Toledo Area Parent News.

The Grand Prize Winner will also receive:
A one night stay at The Park Inn by Radisson in downtown Toledo

5 passes to Splash Bay Indoor Waterpark
5 passes to the Imagination Station
4 passes to a MudHens game (Monday through Thursday games only)
A Gift Certificate to Spaghetti Warehouse

Second through Fifth Place winners will receive gift certificates to Kurt Nielsen Photography.

The first 100 entries will also be eligible for coupons for free or discounted items from other local businesses.

Be sure to tell your family and friends about the contest and how to vote. You may even share your child's photo or the album on your Facebook profile. For more information about the Portrait Contest, call Kurt Nielsen at 419.885.7153 or visit www.kurtphoto.com.