Our Mission

Ronald McDonald House at Stanford creates a home-away-from-home and supportive community for families of children with life-threatening illnesses receiving specialized treatment at local hospitals.

Our House staff is augmented and leveraged by more than 150 volunteers weekly. These individuals provide the "TLC" that truly makes Ronald McDonald House at Stanford a warm, loving home. We could not provide all the various services to House families without the generous support of our community.

Family Activity/Service Opportunities

Selecting an on-site Volunteer option not only provides your corporate group with the opportunity to give back, but also fosters social interaction and team building ultimately resulting in happier employees!

- **Meals for Munchkins**  Our most popular program, Meals for Munchkins provides an opportunity for up to 8 team members to come to the House and prepare a weeknight or weekend meal. Lunch and Dinner options.
- **Ice Cream Social/Dessert Bar**  After a lunch or dinner, dessert is on you. Smiles guaranteed!
- **Caramel Apple Bar (really great in the fall/winter months)**  Toppings can include M&Ms, crushed cookies, all types of candies and more!
- **Chocolate Covered Pretzel Bar**  Similar to the Caramel Apple Bar. This is a fun and delicious treat for all. Toppings can be a variety of anything sweet or salty!
- **Themed Movie Night & Treats**  Often times our immune-compromised kids aren’t able to go to the movie theater to see the latest flicks. Hosting a movie night with popcorn and movie theater treats will be a special experience for you and for our families!
- **House Decoration**  Changing the House’s appearance, even if for a little while, can really lift the children’s spirits. Unexpected decorations like Hawaiian themes, safari, outer space, and raceway are especially appreciated—the possibilities are endless!
- **Family Crafts night**  Family activities are cherished moments shared at the House. Host a craft activity like scrapbooking or paper mâché on a weeknight or during the weekend.
- **Kid's Sports Clinic**  Does your company have intramural sports teams? If so, take time out of practice to run an afternoon sports clinic for our kids!

*Check availability on our calendar at [http://www.ronaldhouse.net/getinvolved/volunteer_groups.php](http://www.ronaldhouse.net/getinvolved/volunteer_groups.php)*

Off-Site Opportunities

A lot can be done for the House, without even leaving your office! Off-site Volunteer options allows:

- **Host a Household Item/Toy Drive**  At Ronald McDonald House at Stanford, toys are a necessity year round! Although community groups are quite generous during the holiday season, we also need toys for a variety of ages throughout the year for birthday celebrations.

- **Meals for Munchkins Remote**  Purchase standard lunch items, enough for 40 lunches – ideas include sandwich fixings, bottled water, fresh fruit, granola bars, nut free trail mix, cookies, crackers, etc. We ask
that you bring the following: paper lunch bags, utensils if needed, as well as napkins. Please, for the sake of our picky eaters, **do not** put condiments on sandwiches.

- **Hygiene Kits**  Not sure what to do with all of those travel size hotel shampoos and soaps? Couple those items with toothpaste, a toothbrush, hand sanitizer and travel size deodorant and you’ve got yourself a complete hygiene kit!

- **Comfort kits** Small arts and crafts activities, crayons, travel games. Help keep little ones busy. We have a high need for baby items, such as rattles, baby socks, baby sized fleece blankets, and anything you think will warm the heart *and* the feet!

- **Snack Packs**  We can put these out in the late morning so families can pick them up on their way out to the hospital. Think non-perishables like pretzels, trail mix, granola bars, juice, and crackers!

**Maintenance Projects**

Are you interested in a one-time or quarterly activity for a large group? The House often needs some extra “TLC” and groups of up to 15 can participate in providing this service. This is a great project if your group wants to sweat a little and get their hands dirty. Maintenance projects tend to be seasonal and during the weekdays, so please refer to the Group Volunteer Application for more information. Some examples of these projects are window washing, cleaning our pantry, sanitizing our playroom, and more!

The Corporate Volunteer Program is essential to keeping Ronald McDonald House at Stanford the best “home away from home” for our families. I encourage you to consider special and creative ways that your particular organization might be able to contribute to the House that aren’t listed here.

We would love to give your group a House tour the day you come to Volunteer, so be sure to allow time for us to do so. I sincerely hope that you find your experience with Ronald McDonald House at Stanford an enjoyable and rewarding one.

Looking forward to serving together,

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