



RMHC Monthly Monitor

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Happy Halloween!



Ronald McDonald House of El Paso's 1st Family Room

In her own words, a volunteer tells of her experience of spending time in Family Room and how much it has meant to her.

I have started my Internship at the Ronald McDonald House Family Room at Providence Memorial Hospital. I have got to say it is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. This program reaches out to parents because as a mother I can realize how a parent would not want to leave their child's side for their own needs. I did a little bit of outreach for the Family Room on Saturday which enabled me to contact parents on a one to one basis. Many parents looked at me with disgust asking how I could possibly ask them to leave their child at a time 'like this.' However, those same parents did stop by and grabbed a cookie or a bag of chips. One father in particular was upset he could not take his daughter in; with a smile I said "Come back when she falls asleep." He gave me a glare but later that day he did come back and ate some food and sat and watched the game with out a word. Before he left he said, "Thank you this did help" and he left. That warmed my heart and made me feel so great inside that this man could feel a little comfort in a time of stress. Many times people focus on the patient but illness and hospitalization not only focuses on the ill but the family as well. I have gotten to hear some stories on children that hurt my heart; this is my challenge I hope to overcome. I believe children should not suffer and if I could I would take the pain away. I listen to these parents stories and I am in awe and with great admiration I look up to them for coping so well with the situation that they are in. One can never say what they would do if they were put in a situation like some of the families I have encountered. However, the way the families come in with hope and faith make me look at my life with a broader prospective and appreciation. There was another case of two women sitting and chatting amongst each other when another woman approached. This third woman was a little less hopeful since her baby of 1 month was in ICU (intensive care unit). The other two mothers started speaking to this mother of little faith and started testifying there experiences and what they have been through. They also brought in their faith and with in that hour conversation this mother's faith grew and you could see in her face how much these two women helped her just by sharing their experiences. It was so warming and being a person who is not emotional seeing these women help and hearing other stories have brought tears to my eyes not of sorrow or empathy but of happiness. I think the Family Room is a great attribution to the hospital now if only we could possibly have one in every hospital would be even a greater aspect.

- Ariana Drobot

Pop Tab Collection Program

Thank you to all of those who have taken the time to collect pop tabs from aluminum cans. The tabs are recycled and the funds raised help keeping the Ronald McDonald House running.

Thank you to our October pop tab donors:

AARP – Vista Hills Chapter 3994
 Allie Hoy
 American Legion Aux 36
 Big Bend Retired Teachers
 Bill and Molly Robinson
 Canutillo Independent School District - Kinder
 Canyon Hills Middle School Cheerleaders
 Del Sol Medical Center – Telemetry Floor
 El Paso Cancer Treatment Center
 El Paso Police Department
 El Paso Quilters & Ysleta Retired Teachers
 EPCC Students
 Grace Lopez
 Humberto Aleman Mendoza
 Jasmine Castaneda
 Kevin Brune
 Maria E. Martinez
 Maria R. Martinez
 Monica Herrera & Class Roberts Elementary
 Ms. Hilda Camargo
 Providence Oncology PICU
 Ralph Cloud Jr.
 Ramon Ortega
 Rancho Grande Restaurant
 Red Hat Society BAAD HATTERS Chapter
 REL Washington Students
 Rhonda Armitage
 Slider Middle School Choir
 Yolanda S. Sanchez

Family Dinners

Sometimes a simple meal can mean so much. Thank you to those who came in and prepared a meal this month!

* St. Raphaels CCD

Memoriam

In memory of Juanita Beeson
 from McNatt / Johnson ABF

In memory of Joanne Holt from
 Army Community Services



In-Kind Donations

AARP – Vista Hills Chapter 3994
 Country Club Optimist
 El Paso County Juvenile Probation
 – Model Court Team Builders
 El Paso Quilters & Ysleta Retired Teachers
 El Paso Student Pharmacists Association
 Humble Hearts
 Irvin High School
 John Ryan and Olga M. Smith
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 Kristian Acevedo
 More Than Baskets
 Mr. O'Hagan
 Southwest Airlines
 St. Stephen's Church Conference II
 Susana S. Gutierrez
 Tabatha Cuella
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 Yvonne Elizondo

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Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to monetary donations, your gift of time will give hope to someone who needs you and will be invaluable to staff. Volunteer groups are welcome and have been known to make and deliver meals for the families and help out at special events and fundraisers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our House manager, Irma Rodriguez for more information, or Tami Matos, Family Room Coordinator.

Volunteers for October

Veronica Aguirre

Donna Bochnowski
 Elia Casillas
 Sofia Chavez
 Josh Cox
 Manny DeLeon
 Sally Dery
 Ariana Drobot
 Ana Garcia
 Mary Garcia
 Paul Hubbard
 Linda Hunter
 Rocio Islas
 Josephine Kelly
 Stephanie King

Alma Meza
 Tony Montoya
 Lauren Nachtmann
 Rey Parilla
 Miriam Ramirez-Carlson
 Margie Sanchez
 Dora Serna
 JB Sipherd
 Angela Stokes
 Esmeralda Torres
 Stephanie Trujillo
 Sandra Villagran
 Erika Villanueva

Conference Room News

Ronald McDonald House is blessed to have a large meeting facility that can seat up to 75 people. We offer our meeting room to businesses, community groups and non-profits. Please contact Irma for availability. Select A/V equipment available upon request.

Conference Room Groups October

CASA
 Candlelighters
 Cooperative Parenting
 Make A Wish
 AVANCE
 Cub Scout Pac 15
 RSVP
 McDonalds

Upcoming Events

- World Children’s Day - November 20th
- Lights of Love at the Ronald McDonald House December 3rd
- Southwest Rendezvous Rod Run benefiting RMHC El Paso January 24th

Special Gifts

Gold Circle

(\$1,001 to \$5,000)

- Lost Souls MC

Bronze Circle

(\$101 to \$500)

- El Paso Community Foundation & Robert D. Earp

- Kohl’s

Friends Circle

(\$0 to \$100)

- Bill & Carol Smallwood
- IGT Enterprises, Inc. dba McDonalds

- Julia R. Duran
- LR Hutchinson