Finding strength to carry on and get through the day is something we all face from time to time. Our families do this on a daily basis, as they struggle to find a sense of normalcy amidst the complications of having a sick child in the hospital. While most of our daily challenges can be overcome, for the families at Ronald McDonald House, this is an ongoing process. Our job is to ease their burden, both emotionally and financially. Therefore, we never lose sight of the need to find new sources of funding to support the plight of our pediatric families.

Helping the families staying at Ronald McDonald House is a passion that resonates with those who want to be connected to our mission. Our new “Adopt a Room” program gives these supporters an affordable way to be engaged with our program by adopting a room at their favorite House. To date, 36 rooms have been adopted. Thank you to everyone who has generously committed to a room, which gives us a new source of revenue to fund the operations at the Houses. Please check out how you can adopt a room and join all of those who have taken part in this most important effort.

Fondly,

Janice L. Davis
Executive Director & CEO

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Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.~ Winston Churchill

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Adopt a Room

When a child becomes sick or injured, finding treatment is the most important thing to a parent. They gather all of their energy and resources together in order to have the best for their child. What they often don’t think about until they arrive at the hospital is where they will stay. Many parents expect to stay by the child’s bedside, only to realize that this will be uncomfortable, and in some cases, impossible, if the child is being treated in intensive care.

The Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay provides a home-away-from-home to these families. Since opening our doors in 1980 as the first Ronald McDonald House in the state of Florida, we have comforted and cared for 46,000 families.

By adopting a room at the Ronald McDonald House, you are helping us provide a safe and comforting environment for families during an incredibly stressful time in their lives. Room adoptions are available in our St. Petersburg (East, West, Central) and Tampa Houses.

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At the end of the five-year term, each adoption is renewable.

Please contact Janice Davis, CEO at 813.258.6430, ext. 1 or jdavis@rmhtampabay.com to discuss options and arrange for a tour of your preferred House.

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Two-year-old faces uphill struggle to health

By Natalie Gillespie, RMH family member & guest writer

Born at just 24 weeks as the only one of triplets to survive the early delivery, two-year-old Austin’s life has been filled with multiple medical challenges. But that hasn’t stopped him. With the loving support of moms Renatta and Becky, as well as his “big” four-year-old sister Isabella and help from a caring medical community and the Ronald McDonald House, Austin is finally beginning to thrive.

It’s been a long road for Renatta and Becky, who started life together in Kentucky as a successful real estate couple. They decided to take turns having children, and Renatta had Isabella. Sixteen months later, Becky became pregnant with triplets. The couple was devastated at the loss of Austin’s siblings but grateful that he clung to life, despite the uphill battle he faced, including cranial genesis that required surgery and severe gastric issues.

Austin spent the first three months of his life in the NICU, and Renatta believes that her son was never the same after the cranial surgery and the medications the baby had to endure following the procedure. At one point Austin was taking 40 different medicines a day. He has continued to fight gastric and immunity issues, keeping his moms at his side every hour the first year of his life. Along the way, Austin was also diagnosed with autism.

The couple traveled the country to find specialists who could help Austin, and one doctor in Texas told them Austin had the worst ulcerative colitis he had ever seen. The trips and related expenses drained their finances, but while undergoing treatment in Texas, the moms were offered the opportunity to stay at the Ronald McDonald House so they could be near Austin’s side. They say it was a blessing that came at just the right time. Having started out as a successful, financially independent couple, Renatta and Becky now feel the strain of skyrocketing medical bills and other expenses of Austin’s care.

With Austin’s GI issues ongoing, the couple headed to Florida in hopes of a new experimental treatment. Already on steroids to help heal his tummy, they turned to a GI specialist in Tampa who decided to try a series of flora transplants to help his digestive system. While in Tampa, the couple was again thrilled to stay at the Ronald McDonald House, a home-away from-home that helped their budget and their whole family find comfort in a difficult situation. Without RMH the couple could not have pursued the treatment in Tampa, as they had no resources available for hotels and meals, they said.

“We are so grateful that RMH exists to help people like us. It is not easy to find ourselves in a humbling position, because this is a completely different experience for us,” Renatta said.

Since Austin’s diet is critical to his health, the couple often has to buy dry ice and plan ahead in order to transport Austin’s special foods when they are on the road. Having a kitchen to prepare his special meals was extremely helpful during their stay at RMH. “We don’t know what we would do without the Ronald McDonald House,” Becky and Renatta said.

After a few weeks of treatment, the couple noticed a big improvement in Austin and has high hopes that this might be the turning point for their son. After the treatments, the couple planned to return to Kentucky to continue trying to find the right diet for Austin because he has difficulty absorbing food, which inhibits his growth.

Today, Becky and Renatta have dedicated themselves to educating themselves on autism and gastric issues, and feel that Austin was given to them for a reason, a common comment from many RMH families. While they have been forced to face the biggest challenge of their lives, they say they have also been privileged to meet some amazing doctors, some of whom have treated Austin at no cost. They have been blessed to experience the gift of RMH, where they have found a caring community that enabled them to enjoy their stay as much as possible while in Tampa.

Austin’s health issues are still the top priority for these moms, but they are hopeful that the flora transplants will help solve his gastric issues. They also hope that he might grow out of his autism, with help from the special gluten-free and dairy-free diet he is now on. With time, they hope that one day their life will return to a more “normal” existence with not one, but two healthy children.

We at the Ronald McDonald Houses of Tampa Bay wish them the very best!
A GRAND SLAM Success!

We had a record turnout for the 2014 Guy Harvey Fishing for Hearts Tournament, with 77 anglers heading out to Tampa Bay waters in hopes of landing the Grand Slam. The weather remained calm and many of our anglers caught some impressive fish. Thanks to the amazing staff at The Guy Harvey Outpost, our generous sponsors, participants and donors who helped us raise over $80,000 for Ronald McDonald House & Athletes for Hearts!

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We are very proud of our dog therapy volunteer Bobbie Mosher (& dog Maya) who received the St. Petersburg key to the city for her volunteer efforts. Congratulations Bobbie & Maya!

31 Gifts has become a valued donor to RMH, sending us hundreds of useful bags for our families. For Mother’s Day they sent us another shipment of beautiful RMH-theme bags for our moms. What a useful and generous donation!

RMH helped our family back in 1991 and 1992! And many years in between! God Bless Them All!!
- L. Austin

My hat’s off to the staff! I know it goes without saying, or maybe it’s not said enough. But the work you’re doing at the Ronald McDonald Houses is truly amazing. Thank you and love you all! - D. Glover

Thank you bunches for providing my son & I a comfortable place to rest & delicious meals. I’m glad to know there are places & services available when one needs it most. Thank you.
- Jennifer & Gavin

Joshua Davis is not your ordinary teenager. He prepared an entire Easter dinner feast for our Tampa House families. Pretty awesome kid!

Lynx Grills donated top of the line grills to all of our houses this summer which have come in very handy for groups wishing to grill delicious meals for our families.

Around the Houses
It’s always heartwarming to see kids who want to help other kids, like Rachel Rodriguez, who made tie-dyed t-shirts & flip flops to raise funds to buy paper products, Girl Scout cookies, and other goodies for our families. Thank you Rachel!

RMH Tampa volunteer Vicky Campos (on left with Yadira Lizardi) always jumps in when her help is needed. She used family connections in the flower business to have beautiful roses donated to our moms for Mother’s Day. Thank you Vicki!

A traumatic birth put my daughter in NICU, and RMHC helped mommy stay close. With daddy being deployed and family hours from the NICU, RMHC was the family my daughter and I needed to lean on for support. She is now turning three this June and is a happy, smart & healthy girl. Thanks - Jennifer!

Thanks to Aaron’s, we have a brand new teen room at the St. Pete East House! Their team brought in new stereo and gaming systems, television, computers, rugs, lamps, pictures & accessories. It’s definitely the most popular room in the house!

When new mom Stephanie Wujick found herself at RMH Central sharing one breast pump among several new moms, she was inspired to raise $3,000 to buy an extra breast pump, which then motivated Medela to donate an additional pump to our houses.

These adorable kids from Livy’s HOPE came by with tons of beautiful Mother’s Day gift bags for our families.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS
These are excerpts from family posts on our Facebook page or comments sent to us. Please join us on Facebook and share your experience by posting on our wall at www.facebook.com/rmhctampabay or send an email to abarrick@rmhc-tampabay.com.
Ronald McDonald House 40th Anniversary
Day of Change • Hearts of Hope

October 15

This year, Ronald McDonald House turns 40 years old! From what began as one Philadelphia House built in 1974 to the 345 Ronald McDonald Houses that now spread around the globe, the world has embraced the concept of providing a home-away-from-home for families with children receiving medical treatment. Millions of families have proclaimed that they don’t know what they would have done without Ronald McDonald House. In celebration, we have asked Tampa Bay influencers to take photos with our special striped socks and share those “our stripes tell a story” images and stories with their social media audience and ours.

Please join us in celebrating this special anniversary by visiting your nearest McDonald’s restaurant on October 15th and drop in your spare coins at our donation boxes for the Day of Change.

In November, local McDonald’s stores will be selling Hearts of Hope in their stores to raise operating funds for Ronald McDonald House. Stay tuned for more information on this important fundraiser.

Lighting the Light
Hearts for the House

This year, we are focused on “Hearts for the House”, a phrase that suits our mission perfectly. Giving a family the gift of hope and compassion during a stressful time in their lives is priceless. After helping 46,000 families on their journey, we are thankful that we can count on RMH supporters like you to help us continue providing this essential service.

This year’s holiday appeal once again features local sports celebrity Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning with his message encouraging the community to join him in supporting HEARTS FOR THE HOUSE. Steven is close to his own family and appreciates the importance of keeping families together. This appeal includes television and radio, billboards, website banners, bus wraps, mall kiosks, McDonald’s trayliners, and a mailer to RMH friends like you.

Our Holiday Open House is scheduled for December 4 in St. Pete at the ACH Education & Conference Center, where the chefs from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will provide a delicious feast for the families, friends, and volunteers in attendance. The evening’s highlight is Santa’s arrival, where the children (and some adults!) take the opportunity to sit on Santa’s lap to whisper their Christmas wishes.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season and cherish your own family moments, knowing there are moms and dads in our Houses who wish they were in their own homes at this special time of year.
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FISHING TOURNAMENT

Alan Brown & Brian Sloan from Southwest Airlines hold a fishing tournament on Florida’s east coast each year to benefit RMH. Alan and Brian do all of the work and coax their colleagues from across the country to join in the fun. This year, they raised a remarkable $21,000! Pictured L-R: Ronald, Alison Barrick, Brian Sloan, Alan Brown, Ashley Johnson, Kelly Gicale & Joo Hooi Albritton.

TEEN BUILDS GAZEBO FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Jaxon Brown knew he wanted to do something big for his Eagle Scout project, but wasn’t sure how to make the best impact. After discussion with the Tampa RMH, he decided to build a gazebo in the back yard! Jaxon raised the funds (over $5,000) and gathered his own crew to put the gazebo together. The finishing touch arrived with Jaxon and his mom, as they brought new furniture to make the gazebo comfortable. Well done, Jaxon, this will be enjoyed by many families in the years to come!

IMAGEFIRST DONATION HELPS RMH FAMILIES

To help ease the burden of family check-outs, ImageFIRST is providing laundry services to the Houses. This act of kindness frees up many hours for our families, staff and volunteers. It also provides consistency and sanitizing of all our bed linens. This donation makes a big difference every day in the lives our families, who are eager to drive home and resume their lives. Thank you ImageFIRST for a donation that is significant not just in terms of value, but more importantly, for the impact this makes on the lives of stressed out families.

DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS BOWL FOR A CAUSE

The Dunedin Blue Jays organization was eager to put on the best bowling tournament ever, so they enlisted Achieva as their sponsor and recruited all their players to bowl at the event in late July at Dunedin Lanes. The alley was packed with RMH supporters who enjoyed taking photos with the players, bidding on silent auction items, and buying 50/50 tickets. In the end, they raised $5,203 for Ronald McDonald House! Thank you to everyone who donated or participated in this great event. Go Dunedin Blue Jays!
This year’s Storybook Ball, held at the Tampa Convention Center, was a big hit with our guests, who were eager to see how we would translate the theme into reality. A record amount of attendees were greeted by characters from Busch Gardens’ Madagascar show, performers from Event Show Productions and an unusual assortment of wild critters from Busch Gardens, including live penguins, birds, porcupine and of course, a ring-tailed lemur.

Award of Excellence recipient Jeff Vinik was extremely honored to be selected for this prestigious award. A large silent auction, live auction featuring a French chateau and yacht excursion by Our Daily Bread Tampa Bay and Obsidian International Trading, and 100 Dreams helped us raise $500,000 for the operations of our four Ronald McDonald Houses.

**Thank you sponsors!**

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**Tampa Bay Lightning Owners Jeff and Penny Vinik were our guests of honor at the Storybook Ball.**

**Jarrett Preston (Obsidian International Trading) & Veturia Colquett (Our Daily Bread Tampa Bay) donated stays at a french chateau & a luxury yacht vacation.**

**Bucs head coach Lovie Smith & wife MaryAnne are big fans of RMH, first in Chicago & now in Tampa Bay.**
Storybook Ball 2015
The Swamp Kids
Saturday, May 16

Are you ready to go Cajun? It’s time for a Fais do do! Next year’s event highlights a cajun-themed children’s book by Leif Pedersen. In keeping with the theme, we promise you a swamp-filled extravaganza that will have you sharing event photos for months to come! Once again, this event is moving to a new venue, the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina in Channelside. Now you can party and stay in the same hotel! Mark your calendars to join us for a fun evening of dining, dancing, live and silent auctions. We promise you will have a fantastic time, while helping to raise crucial funds to operate our four Ronald McDonald Houses.

The Fred Scarcelli, Jr.
RMH Charity Golf Classic 2014

Mark your calendars to attend our 26th annual charity golf classic at Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club on November 14 & 15, 2014.

Our golf classic has become a legend among McDonald’s owner/operators, vendors, and friends of RMHC. Each year, a sellout crowd arrives at the beautiful Innisbrook Resort for two enjoyable days of golf while catching up with old friends and acquaintances.

If you haven’t already received your brochure, please let us know by calling (813) 258-6430, or visit our website at www.rmhctampabay.com. This event raises essential funds for the operation of our four Ronald McDonald Houses.

EVENT SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
THE KINZEL SCRAMBLE

10:30 am  Registration & Lunch
12:00 pm  Scramble Start
5:00 pm  Cocktails—New Time!
5:30 pm  Awards Dinner & Auction
6:30 pm  Casino Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
THE CASPER CHALLENGE
(Sponsors only)

7:00 am  Breakfast
8:15 am  Shotgun Start
1:30 pm  VIP Luncheon
**Charity Events & Fundraisers**

**Dillard’s Southern Living Cookbook Fundraiser**

Dillard’s is pleased to continue its commitment to Ronald McDonald House Charities with their 21st annual holiday fundraiser. Since 1994, Dillard’s has supported RMHC with a fundraiser benefiting the Ronald McDonald House program.

For the seventh time, Dillard’s is offering a special custom edition of the Southern Living Christmas Cookbook. This exclusive 288-page hardbound cookbook is filled with more than 200 recipes and dozens of decoration ideas for Christmas and seasonal gatherings. This “must have” cookbook is available for only $10 at all Dillard’s stores nationwide, as well as online at www.dillards.com. All proceeds from the cookbook sale will benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in Dillard’s markets.

**The Enchanted Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Street Party**

**Saturday, November 22**

**5-9 pm**

**Hyde Park Village, Tampa**

This event has become one of Tampa Bay’s most recognized family-friendly events. Enjoy two stages of entertainment, complimentary holiday treats and entertainment for the whole family, including cookies, cider, frozen yogurt, craft beer, train rides, a caricature artist, bounce house, face painter and a variety of holiday-inspired activities and performances by vendors and sponsors. Watch the enchanted tree ‘dance’ to an animated, holiday light show choreographed to holiday classics. The Enchanted Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Street Party is sponsored by Blue Moon Winter Ale, Busch Gardens, Tampa Bay Times, tbt*, Tampa Bay Lightning, Winn Dixie, and HOT 101-5. All proceeds benefit RMHC Tampa Bay. Visit www.hydeparkvillage.com for more information.

**The Red Shoe Council**

**Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay’s Young Professionals Group**

**Beach Volleyball Tournament**

On August 23rd, the Red Shoe Council held their second annual Beach Volleyball Tournament at the TradeWinds Island Resorts on St. Pete Beach. The player roster was full and a very hot and sunny day was enjoyed by all participants and sponsors. At the end of the day team Power Design emerged victorious, and the tournament raised $6,500 for RMH!

A HUGE thank you to our Sponsors: TradeWinds Island Resorts on St. Pete Beach, Brown & Brown Insurance, Catalina Charitable Foundation, Power Design, Inc., Sensible Micro Corporation, and Invest Financial Corporation. Thanks also to our t-shirt sponsor Soccer Yogi, emcee DJ KNEX of Hot 101.5, photographer Machiavelo Photography, and to all of our in-kind goody bag and prize donors. For more information or to join the group, contact Red Shoe Council Liaison Kelly Gicale at kgicale@rmhctampabay.com or (813) 258-6430 ext. 5.

**Coming Up: St Pete Halloween Shuffle**

Join the Red Shoe Council for a Halloween party at the St. Pete Shuffleboard Club on Saturday, November 1 from 7-10 pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.rmhtampabay.com.
Counting our blessings
Board member experiences RMH firsthand

By Kristy Tozer

As a board member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay, I am committed to our mission of providing comfort and care to pediatric families. While I have always been proud to be associated with this wonderful organization, I had never been in a position to need them. Until last summer.

For the early part of 2013 we spent six months trying to identify the cause of debilitating respiratory issues that our two-year old daughter Kaiea was suffering. In late August we were told that Kaiea was suffering from an uncommon neurological disorder called Chiari Malformation. Our little girl was scheduled for brain surgery at All Children’s Hospital (ACH) the following day. The doctors tried to reassure us by saying that this operation was as “routine” as brain surgery can be. Kaiea’s procedure involved a “decompression” in which a small piece of bone at the base of her skull is removed to allow adequate space for her brain. The surgery was scheduled to last a few hours, followed by a stay in the PICU and then onto the neuro floor for another day or two and then she would be able to go home. It sounded simple enough, but there were complications.

Following surgery, Kaiea was unable to breathe independently. By the end of that week, we realized that she would be spending at least five more days in the PICU. Although we live in Tampa and ACH isn’t that far from home, it seemed incredibly distant from our baby who lay in an induced coma. I sent an email to my associates at RMHC asking for help arranging a room at one of the St. Pete houses while we waited for our daughter’s next procedure.

Since Kaiea was in the PICU, we were able to secure a room in the Central House, which meant we didn’t even have to leave the hospital. My husband checked in that afternoon and would spend the next nine nights in our new home-away-from-home. I spent most of those nights in my daughter’s room, but each morning when my husband relieved me, I would walk to the house for a hot shower, a bit of food and if time permitted, a quick nap.

Kaiea spent 16 days in ACH and we came to appreciate our little respite at the Ronald McDonald House. On consecutive Sundays our extended family descended on the Central House and took turns relieving us so that we could enjoy lunch and visit with our two older children and other family members. We savored those moments. It was therapeutic for all of us. I have often thought, where else could we have enjoyed a hot meal and a family gathering without leaving the hospital?

A year has passed since our stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Kaiea has made a remarkable recovery and today is doing well, thanks to the amazing care she received. Our family is stronger than ever, due in no small measure to the love and support we received during a very trying time in our lives. We plan to celebrate our good fortune and express our appreciation by hosting a meal at the Central House. It feels like the least we can do after receiving such hospitality and compassion from the staff and volunteers. We take every opportunity to share our story with others, offering a message of hope and inspiration that difficult times can improve and better days may lie ahead.

Over the years, we have heard many stories about families who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House and what a gift that refuge was for them during difficult times. Now we have joined their ranks and are grateful that we knew where to turn in our time of need.

Arnold Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder where the brain descends out of the skull and puts pressure on the spine. This little known disorder affects about 300,000 people in the US.
**Simple steps in leaving a legacy**

**Taking the First Step**

It’s been said that every journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. In estate planning, the best first step you can take is to decide how you want your affairs handled and to get good legal advice. The next step is to have a well-written will. Once your family is taken care of, the will is one of the most popular strategies for making a gift so that you can make a difference for others. *Bequests made by everyday people of average means are the majority of our planned gifts.*

**A Step in the Right Direction**

There’s no one way that’s right for everyone, but with some thought and guidance, you can almost certainly find a plan that is comfortable for you. Your decision should factor in family considerations, what types of assets you have accumulated, and how you would like to see them distributed among your loved ones and your favorite charity. Designating the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay in your will ensures that kids and their families are well taken care of with one simple step.
Please help us provide a wonderful HOME for our families by donating supplies that we currently need the most!

**KEEPING FAMILIES COMFORTABLE**

- Toys for Newborn to 2 years of age
- Toys for Kids, all ages
- Books for Preschool Age
- Gas cards ($10 each) for families
- Gift cards for Publix, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, or GFS to buy fruit, food and cleaning supplies
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Travel size personal care items (deodorant, soap, etc.)

**KEEPING OUR FAMILIES FED**

- Cereals, individual sizes only
- Indiv. Packaged snacks: chips, nuts, trail mix, dried fruit, pudding cups, pop tarts
- Vegetable oil & olive oil
- Butter & cream cheese
- Frozen dinners
- Mayonnaise/ketchup
- Mac n’ cheese microwaveable cups
- Paper towels
- Small bottles of liquid hand soap

**KEEPING THE HOUSE TIDY**

- Lysol/Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer – large containers
- Dawn/Palmolive dish soap
- Dishwasher detergent (powder)
- Color safe bleach
- Dryer sheets
- Lysol spray & Lysol toilet bowl cleaner

**RONALD Mc DONALD CARE MOBILE**

- Stickers or small toys
- Kids sunglasses
- Small tubes of sunscreen
- Kids dental care products

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- White and colored copy paper
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**MEALS FOR FAMILIES**

Prepare a home-style meal in our kitchen or cook on our grills. Any nutritious cuisine for breakfast, lunch or dinner is appreciated! Or coordinate with a restaurant to deliver a meal, pizza or sub sandwiches. Please call or review our website for additional information on bringing a meal.

Go to www.TakeThemAMeal.com and use the following log-in information to sign up for a meal at one of our houses.

**St. Pete East (34 Rooms)**
- Last name: RMHEast
- Password: Eastmeal

**St. Pete West (18 Rooms)**
- Last name: RMHWest
- Password: Westmeal

**St. Pete Central (14 Rooms)**
- Call: 727-767-3026

**Tampa (14 Rooms)**
- Last name: Tampa
- Password: meal

**SHARE A NIGHT PROGRAM**

Underwrite a family stay. Our actual costs are $80 per night per family & any amount donated helps with these expenses.

**HOLD A PANTRY DRIVE**

Collect items off this list including paper products, cleaning and other household supplies. We have 80 bedrooms, 86 bathrooms and 5 kitchens!

**VOLUNTEER**

All four Houses need volunteers for house shifts & special projects to support our “home-away-from-home.” Training is provided.

For additional information contact:

Lise Fields, St. Pete 727.767.8166
Maggie Somerville, Tampa 813.254.2398 x317

All volunteer opportunities are listed at www.rmhctampabay.com/volunteers.
Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 14-15
26TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club
Palm Harbor

NOVEMBER 22
ENCHANTED TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY STREET PARTY
Hyde Park

DECEMBER 4
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
St. Pete

MAY 16
STORYBOOK BALL
Tampa

RED SHOE COUNCIL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1
HALLOWEEN SHUFFLE
St. Pete

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WHERE ARE THE DONOR LISTS?
In an effort to reduce printing & mailing costs, this will be the last fall issue printed. All donor lists will be compiled in our Spring Newsletter & Annual Report. Please be sure to give us your email address so we can keep you up to date with enewsletters on a regular basis. Sign up on our website in just a few clicks at www.rmhctampabay.com.

WAYS TO DONATE

- Go online - www.rmhctampabay.com
- Call us - we’d love to talk to you! (813) 258-6430, ext. 3
- Clip it - send it to Ronald McDonald House Charities, 28 Columbia Drive, Tampa, FL 33606

Enclosed is my gift of  $1,000  $500  $100  $65  Other

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________
Telephone: _______________________________ Email*: __________________

Credit Card:  V Visa  MC  Amex  Discover  ________________________________ Exp._
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As a cost savings measure, we have eliminated the inserted donor envelope and hope you will find it easy to donate in these three ways.

Please make checks payable to Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay. Contributions are tax deductible.