



# RONALD McDONALD HOUSE®

## Teen Program – St. Petersburg

The Ronald McDonald House is a “home away from home” for families of children receiving medical treatment at local medical facilities. We provide families with a secure and affordable place to stay within walking distance to the hospital.

There are three houses in St. Petersburg with a total of 66 bedrooms. We serve close to 2,000 families each year who come from Florida and beyond. Families stay by donation only; our largest funding source is the change collected in the canisters at the McDonald’s restaurants in the neighboring 11-county area of Florida. The local community plays a major role in supporting the day to day operations of our program through the donation of food and in-kind items and approximately 17,000 hours of volunteer service given each year.

The families are provided with their own bedroom and private bath. Everyone has access to well-stocked kitchens complete with “help yourself” fridges and food cupboards, play areas, patios, dining rooms, computers and laundry facilities. Each family performs a light housekeeping chore to help offset operational costs.

We are a designated Service Learning site for Pinellas County and accept teens 15+ years old. Teens discuss and develop their goals with the volunteer coordinator and work alongside operations staff and volunteers. Activities include restocking pantries, storing donations, light housekeeping, light yard work, decorating, facilitating children’s activities and making treats for the resident families.

The Teen Cuisine Program is designed for teens that need to acquire a small amount of hours quickly by preparing a meal for resident families of the smaller West house, donating their time as well as the food. Meals need to be prepared in the house with their parent. Additional information on our meal program is available.

All teens are oriented to the house and are provided with a log to track their hours. A copy of their logged hours and a letter of completion will be given to them when needed. Records are kept for four years.

We offer flexible scheduling, on-going opportunities to accumulate volunteer hours, a pleasant working environment, loads of appreciation, a volunteer placement that looks great on a college application, and the satisfaction of helping families in crisis.

Teen volunteers are scheduled weekdays throughout the summer and during school breaks from 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm; otherwise after school as their schedules allow.

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