

Ronald McDonald House: Making a Difference Within the Local Community

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About

Ronald McDonald House is a worldwide organization that has provided aid to the families of sick children since 1974. The Ronald McDonald House motto is “Keeping families with sick children together and near the care and resources they need”. The Ronald McDonald House provides stability and resources for families through their local chapter in more than 64 countries and regions. There are 366 Ronald McDonald Houses which provide a place to stay and meals to eat for families in order to keep them close to their child while they are undergoing treatment at the local institution. There are 248 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, which are located within institutions and they allow families to rest and regroup without ever having to leave the hospital by providing shower facilities, sleeping facilities, kitchens and more. There are 50 Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles that work to deliver care to children in need. The mobiles provide health education, immunizations, general checkups, dental care, and access to ongoing care from local practitioners.

Objective

To prepare a meal and provide compassion and companionship to the families staying at the Providence Ronald McDonald House while the sick child in their lives is receiving treatment at the local healthcare institution.

Plan

At the beginning of the school year the president of URI SSHP, Mr. Justin Culshaw, developed a new peer mentor program. One of the peer mentors, Mr. Garret Carmichael, proposed the idea of participating in a charity based event with his new mentees. In the past Mr. Carmichael had been a part of Ronald McDonald meal preparation events, and thought the idea would be a perfect way to demonstrate the skills of dedication and leadership to the younger students. The students from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy plan travel to the Providence Ronald McDonald House on February 1st, 2019 in order to prepare a meal for the families, just as they did on April 5th, 2018. The meal will consist of salad, pasta, meatballs, bread, and cookies.

What You Can Do

- Volunteer at a local Ronald McDonald House location
- Donate to Ronald McDonald House to help open more facilities and to keep more families together
- Be an advocate for Ronald McDonald House

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