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MARGARET PARKER

Lessons in Giving, Lessons in Life

Margaret Parker is an authentic Southern woman, warm and caring, with an extraordinary business sense and strong conviction about what matters. She has always been generous to people in need, and has passed along a legacy of caring and philanthropy to her children and grandchildren. Margaret has a long history of affection for and giving to Winston-Salem's Ronald McDonald House, one of her favorite nonprofit organizations. She is pleased that her daughters and grandchildren have marked her birthdays and other special occasions with donations to the House in her honor.

Margaret has a special empathy for the families of hospitalized children who benefit from our "home away from home." As a result, she and her two daughters, Anne Parker Phillips of Scotia, N.Y. and Mary Stuart Parker Alderman of Hilton Head Island, S.C., decided to make a significant gift to the Campaign for Ronald McDonald House. This donation will help to build an addition to the existing House thereby allowing even more families to be near their children during a time of medical crisis.

What motivates families like the Parkers to give selflessly and generously? Annette Lynch of The Winston-Salem Foundation says, "I have watched Margaret's eyes light up listening to stories about the wonderful work and impact of the charitable

organizations with which she is involved – and there are many. She has always seemed genuinely pleased with the knowledge that her gifts have made a difference in our community."

The Parker family moved from Raleigh to Winston-Salem in 1948, when Margaret's husband Harry was

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asked by Coy Carpenter to join him in establishing a premier center of medical education in North Carolina, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Simultaneously, Margaret

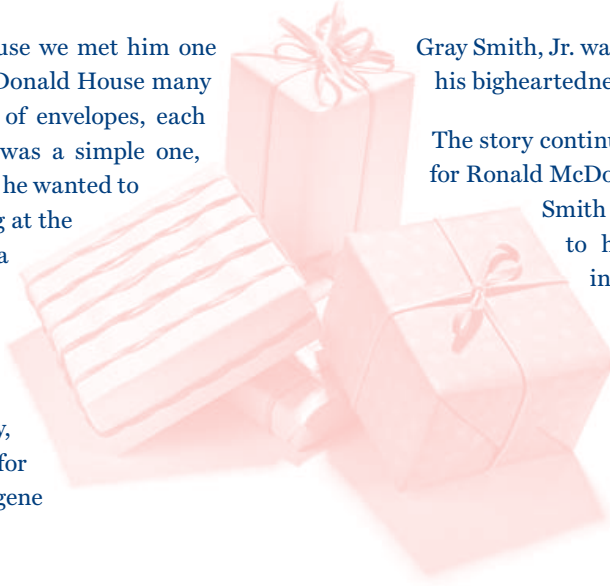
invested herself in both church and community as a dedicated and loyal volunteer. Her interest in the needs of families of patients in the hospital dates to her early work with the original North Carolina Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, a cadre of volunteers who delivered flowers, gifts, and books to patient rooms.

According to her daughters, Margaret's generosity and philanthropic spirit are expressions of her faith and manifestations of her belief that we must all be "mindful of the wants and needs of others" as we express our gratitude for the gifts bestowed upon us. Responsible stewardship of resources has always been a high priority for Margaret and she has been both frugal and generous all her life. She teaches by example the important lessons of careful spending and saving for what is truly important. May we all be diligent students of such lessons!

BRINGING JOY TO OUR GUESTS

A Smith Family Tradition

We know that Santa Claus exists because we met him one December afternoon at the Ronald McDonald House many years ago. He arrived with a handful of envelopes, each containing a \$20 bill. Santa's errand was a simple one, done in the selfless spirit of the season – he wanted to give one envelope to each family staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Guided by a House staff member, he walked silently to each of our 17 bedrooms and bent down to slip an envelope under each door. And then, as quietly as he came, he left. Wanting no credit for his generosity, his only wish was to brighten the season for families who had little to anticipate. Eugene



Gray Smith, Jr. was that Santa, and we are as grateful now for his bigheartedness as we were back then.

The story continues today with the advent of the Campaign for Ronald McDonald House. Santa Claus's elves – son Gray Smith and daughter Stewart Perry – have chosen to honor their father by naming the porch in our new facility in his memory. Eugene Gray Smith, Jr. was a wonderful man. His personal joy, shared with so many during holiday seasons past, was to help families with children in crisis by giving of his resources. Our thanks go to Santa Claus's family, especially to Gray and Stewart, who have followed in his footsteps.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS

Our Annual Volunteer Event was held November 15th in the Colhoun Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the following people were recognized as Volunteers of the Year:



Family Support Program
SHARI CRANGLE



House
CAROLYN BLAKLEY



Brenner Family Room
PETE BREIDENBACH



Forsyth Family Room
ELAINE HILL

Congratulations to all of our volunteers! We appreciate your dedication to serve our families.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH RMH



House Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year and include helping with "thank you" note writing, linen folding, and organizing the pantry. Family Room Volunteers cover three-hour shifts between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in our beautiful Family Rooms at both Brenner Children's Hospital and Forsyth Medical Center. House and Family Room Volunteers make a difference in the lives of our families every day.

Your help is needed especially during this holiday time, but also throughout the year. Please call Abby Bowman, Director of Volunteer Services, at 723-0228, x11 or email her at abbyb@rmhwinstonsalem.org to see how you can get involved.

THANK YOU . . .

To these very generous supporters of our Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms:

A New Leaf
 American Legion Post
 Alpha Delta Pi Zeta – Gamma Chapter
 Bald Eagle Technologies
 El Bethel Baptist Church
 Georgia Pacific
 Golden State Foods
 Heart of Carolina Street Rodders
 Kaplan Early Learning Company
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 Nature Select
 Prism Business Systems
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Shugart Family Foundation
 Sir Speedy
 Triad Treeloaders
 WFUBMC Human Resources Departments
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 Willard Cabs
 Wilson Pest Control
 Yates Carpet Cleaners

And a very special thanks to those who supported and participated in our Ground Breaking Birthday Party on September 14, 2008:

Camp Lickitee Split
 City of Winston-Salem – Development Office and Mayor's Office
 Costco
 Mayor Allen Joines, Councilman Dan Besse, and Representative Dale R. Folwell
 John Waller
 Pope Sand and Gravel
 Primo Water
 Rebecca McNeely Photography
 RJ Reynolds High School – Arts Service Club, Girls Service Club, and Key Club
 Sam's Club
 Whitaker Elementary - Wheel Power & Company
 Winston-Salem Children's Chorus
 Wake Forest University – Riley Skinner, Ben Wooster, and the Demon Deacon
 WXII – Austin Caviness

LOVE LETTERS

Thank you all for everything you did while Cody was in the hospital. You were a lifesaver and we don't know what we would have done without you. God Bless.

Tim, Kim, and Brook - Newland, N.C.

It is nice to know that when your child is going through a difficult... situation that as a parent you have an area where you can regroup your thoughts. My wife and I are not, like many parents, strangers to the RMH facilities. Y'all are truly wonderful people, and a God-sent organization. Keep it up.

Jim & Deborah - Brenner Family Room

I spent all my time at the hospital and came back to RMH to eat a snack and sleep. RMH was very comfortable and inviting... It was so much more personal than a hotel and definitely easier on our finances. Speaking with other family members was an added bonus – great folks!

RMH journal entry, Room #21

God bless the Ronald McDonald House and all of the people who volunteer and work there. You have made such a great difference in the lives of our family.

RMH journal entry, Room #34

SCRAPBOOK



Lorenzo takes the Tar Heel spirit to a new level!



Jesse comes back to visit when he is in town for a doctor's appointment.



WFU's Riley Skinner and Ben Wooster, along with WXII's Austin Caviness were on hand to celebrate our Ground Breaking Birthday Party.



Rashun prepares for the "toes in mouth event!"



Ashton checks out the House.

FAMILY WISH LIST

The following items keep the House and Family Rooms ready to meet the needs of our guests. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions and thank you for thinking of us!

Toilet Paper	Hand sanitizers
Paper towels	Cold and hot drink cups
Single serve breakfast items	20 oz. heavy-duty paper bowls
Single serve snacks	Condiments
Coffee creamer (powdered)	Canned tuna and meats
Single serve heat and eat pasta meals	Paper napkins
39 gallon trash bags	Disposable storage containers
Window cleaner	New baby items
Disinfectant cleaners (pump spray & wipes)	Disposable plates

Check our website: www.rmhwinstonsalem.org for wish list updates

LIGHT A LUMINARY

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Purchase luminary kits.



Each \$5.00 kit contains 6 luminaries. Call 723-0228 x13 to get your street or neighborhood involved. Remember, luminaries make great holiday gifts!

Where

2008 DISTRIBUTION CENTER
339 Witt Street, Winston-Salem,
(Off Knollwood, one block off Stratford,
in the back of Habitat For Humanity)

RETAIL LOCATIONS IN TRIAD
Call 723-0228 x 60

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

When

December 1 - 7
Mon-Sat, 10-4; Sun, 1-4

November 28 - December 24

Year-round

Project Sponsors



LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO GIVE?

- Give online – log onto www.rmhwinstonsalem.org and click the **Make a Donation Now!** link.
- Contribute to the Ronald McDonald House Annual Fund – send in your donation in the enclosed envelope.
- Join Alan's Legacy – ensure the future of the House through your will, retirement plan, life insurance, or other assets.
- Celebrate **World Children's Day** on Thursday, November 20th. Purchase \$1 Give a Hand hands at area McDonald's Restaurants in support of the House.
- Attend **A Cappella Jam for Hope** on Saturday, February 7th at the R.J. Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. A cappella groups from colleges in North Carolina and Virginia will perform and tickets are \$5.00 each.

The Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, Inc. provides a "home away from home" for families of children who are receiving medical care in our community's hospitals. The House and Family Room programs offer physical comforts, emotional support, education, and referral services designed to promote the well-being of the whole family.

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