



A CHILD ENCOURAGES OUR RONALD McDONALD PARENTS.



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Dear parents at the Ronald McDonalds house,
Yes, I know that I shouldn't know how
it feels to have a child at the
Ronald McDonald house, but I did
infact have a sister who stayed here.
Sadly ~~she~~ she passed away 3 years ago
But she had sever cerebal palsy and
sizers*. But now she is in a
better place. I hope your life
is much better. Your children are
very strong and so are you. Thank
you for reading this.

Love,

Cassie Folsom

*I dont know how to spell that.

ANITA OGBURN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – 14 YEARS OF SERVICE, A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

I must have the best job in our community! For 14 years I have had a front row seat as the Ronald McDonald House reached exciting milestones and achieved important goals. During this period of time, we have expanded twice – from 10 to 17 bedrooms in 1997, and then to 35 rooms with this year’s addition. We have opened Ronald McDonald House Family Rooms within both of our partner hospitals. The Family Room is a project that provides a place inside the hospital for family members to take a short break from the bedside of the patient. Most importantly, as we have grown, we have maintained a laser focus on trying to make a difference in the lives of families with sick children, not only while they are here dealing with the unknowns of a hospital stay, but also long term as they return to their communities and begin to pick up the pieces of their lives, often with the added challenge of a medically fragile child.

But now it is time for me to step aside. I will miss the day-to-day involvement with the House – the gratitude of families as they see the bedroom where they will stay, the relief of a father who can take his

child home, and the excitement of the staff as they hear of a child’s recovery. It has been my honor to work with extraordinary people – committed volunteers and Board members, a gifted staff, and loyal donors. What a pleasure it has been to serve as cheerleader and coach for this amazing team!



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As I anticipate my retirement, I have mixed feelings. I look forward to the prospect of additional time for my family which now includes four precious granddaughters, but I will miss being a part of the achievements and challenges that are to come for this special organization. I will always remain involved as a donor and advocate for children. A search committee is in place and plans to name my successor in December, 2010.

In closing, I thank you very much for your commitment to the House and the families that need it and for your support for me as we have worked together toward our mission of “caring for families, caring for children.”

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



Karen Culler, Chacy SanFilippo (RMH staff),
Suzy Miller, and Shannon Jeune (not pictured)
Group Family Support Program – Stampin’ Up



Craig Smith, Dan Heaton, Charlie Mays, Charlie Miller, Tony Ebert (not pictured),
Larry Stainaker (not pictured), and Stacey Wood (not pictured)
House – Maintenance Volunteers



Claire McNaught
Individual Family Support Program



Jack Arzonico
Brenner Family Room



Lisa Petty
Forsyth Family Room

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The First Annual Character Breakfast was a huge hit!

Salem Gymnastics Sports Center
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 Dewey's
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SCRAPBOOK

The Linville family checks out the foyer staircase.



Miracle was our new playground tester!



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 Brighten your home and ours.



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PURCHASE LUMINARY KITS. Each \$5.00 kit contains 6 luminaries. Call 723-0228 x1014 to get your street or neighborhood involved. Remember luminaries make great holiday gifts!

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 339 Witt Street, Winston-Salem (Off Knollwood,
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 Call 723-0228 x5

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 (Monday-Saturday, 10 - 4; Sunday, 1 - 4)

November 24 - December 24
 (store hours)

Year-round

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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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HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Our Ronald McDonald House tradition is that families staying here receive personalized gift baskets to cheer them during the holidays. Below are some suggested gifts which should be new and unopened.

Diapers: newborn and size 1

Baby wipes (sensitive)

Rattles

Infant toys

Gift cards (gas, grocery, etc.)

Craft supplies (beads, stamps, etc.)

Video games for current game systems

Thick, comfy bedroom shoes

Bath & body items (lotions, soaps)

Trucks, cars, Lego kits

Dolls and accessories

Housewares and home décor

Tool kits

Cologne or perfume

FAMILY WISH LIST

The following items keep the House and Family Rooms ready to meet the needs of our guests.

Laundry Detergent

Single-Serve Items: oatmeal, cereal, pop tarts, fruit cups, granola bars, cookies, pretzels, chips, trail mix, and crackers

Microwavable Single-Serve Meals: soup, macaroni, stew, pasta, etc.

\$82: adopt a family for a night

\$2,870: adopt all 35 families staying here for a night



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