

DONOR/VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SPLASH DAY

Every year, Village Green apartment communities all across the country join together to celebrate Spring and the opening of pool season with a fundraising event called SPLASH DAY. It's a fun party for residents, associates, and our preferred vendors and suppliers. SPLASH DAY began in 1991 when a Property Manager accepted a dare to jump into the community's unheated pool if pledges were made and funds donated to a worthy cause. Twenty-five years later, the tradition has evolved to include caring people at over 150 properties vying to raise the

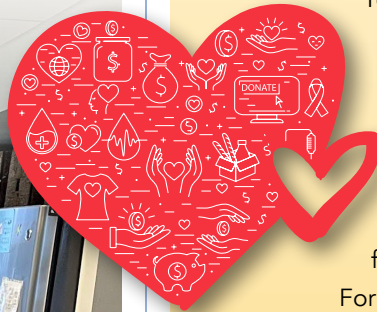


most money, have the most fun and win the coveted SPLASH DAY CUP. Village Green Property Management is an amazing partner of Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. We are so fortunate to have them supporting us here in Detroit.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are back! We welcomed back meal volunteers with wide-open arms this year and have been overwhelmed by the way groups rallied to sign up for the opportunity to serve our families. In the words of one of our dads, "you never realize how much you appreciate real food until you

step off the elevator in the House and get excited about the smell of toast". Thank you so much to the groups who bring delicious tastes and smells to our House every week. If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, please call our front desk at 313-745-5909.



PLANNED GIVING



When you choose to leave a legacy gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit, you're ensuring that the families of critically ill and injured children have a supportive and comfortable place to stay just minutes from their child, for years to come. In the face of uncertainty such as the COVID-19 pandemic, planned gifts helped us stay open and serve families who needed us. Your planned gift can help us in the future!

There are many ways to leave a legacy gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit, including:

- Making a bequest in your will
- Creating a charitable gift annuity
- Making a gift of life insurance
- Donating your retirement assets
- IRA Planned Giving
- Giving a gift of stocks or bonds

Your support will help us bolster our endowment, creating a lasting impact on the families of critically ill and injured children for decades to come. For more information or assistance in setting up a planned gift, contact Marketing and Development Director Chrissy Cooper at **313-745-9487** or **cocooper@rmhc-detroit.org**.

Have you already chosen to leave a legacy gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit? Please contact Chrissy and let us know!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
www.rmhc-detroit.org

RED SHOE SOCIETY

Do you want to contribute to **Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit**, but you don't think your gift can make a difference? It can! Join our Red Shoe Society to make a nominal monthly gift to make a difference in the lives of families who are going through a tough time. Over time, your gift of \$10 to \$50 a month adds up to support families while their child receives care at a local hospital. Contact **Chrissy** at **cocooper@rmhc-detroit.org** for more information.



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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy Spring!

Recently I heard something that really stuck with me. "We have learned how to not just live but thrive in this ongoing pandemic." And it's true. Our families, staff, and volunteers are truly thriving. Our House and Family Room programs are thriving. We have new programs and projects that are kicking off soon and I know those will soon be thriving too.

We'd love to have you join us at one of our summer events and even more so we'd love to see you back in the House, volunteering! Be sure to visit our website, www.rmhc-detroit.org for more information on everything.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

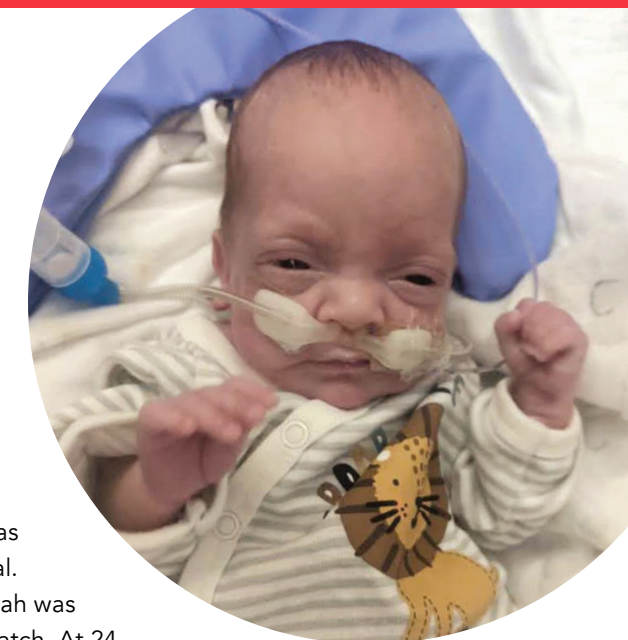
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Executive Director



MEET BABY ADONIS!

Sarah was overjoyed when she found out she was pregnant in the fall of 2021. A new baby was going to bring some much-needed joy to her and her fiancée, Vincent. Just 20 weeks later, Sarah suffered a premature rupture and was rushed to Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. With continued health concerns, Sarah was hospitalized and kept under close watch. At 24 weeks and 6 days, baby Adonis made his entrance to the world in dramatic fashion, with an emergency c-section, a very low heart rate, and trouble breathing. Thankfully, he is growing stronger every day in the NICU and his parents love spending time with him, watching him change and grow.



"The House and staff have been unbelievably helpful during our hospital stay and we are so thankful for the kindness and support."



Sarah and Vincent have been in our House since February. They are so thankful for a space to decompress and a beautiful kitchen to cook their comfort foods in while they help Adonis get healthy. "The House and staff have been unbelievably helpful during our hospital stay and we are so thankful for the kindness and support."

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EVENTS RECAP

GRUNWALD IN THE GARDEN

It was cold, it was windy, and it was noisy but they survived! Board Member and Szott Automotive manager, Jeff Schneider, and 99.5 WYCD morning radio host, Grunwald, spent three nights in our MJS Packaging Garden this February, for the second year in a row and raised \$100,000! Thank you to Jeff, Grunwald, and the entire Audacy team for making this event possible.



TRIVIA NIGHT

The RMHC Detroit Junior Board hosted a 2000s themed trivia night at The Whiskey Six in Grosse Pointe, raising thousands of dollars to support the upkeep of our Ronald McDonald House! For more information on this amazing group of young professionals, email ccooper@rmhc-detroit.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH @ 7PM

2000s TRIVIA NIGHT!

TO BENEFIT THE RMHC DETROIT

The Whiskey Six in Grosse Pointe

\$40 PER PERSON (UP TO 6 PER TABLE)

DERBY SPRING SOCIAL

Held this year at the Detroit Golf Club, our Derby Spring Social was a great return to our regular, annual events. Held just a few weeks ago, this event gave us a great start to summer fun and fundraising. Thanks to our amazing event committee, Yvette Campbell, Sandra Tatum, Michael Mlinarcik, Jr., and Andria Bojrab.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on events by liking us on Facebook (Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit) and checking out our website (www.rmhc-detroit.org/calendar-of-events).



ESCAPE TO BELLE ISLE

THURSDAY?, JULY 14
Our annual Escape to Belle Isle will be bigger than ever this year, with an in-person as well as a virtual option for all our runners and walkers! We have newly mapped 10K, 5K, and 2 Mile courses and an awesome Kids Fun run planned. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather and come out to join us for a gorgeous day on the island. Register at www.runsignup.com/escapetobelleisledetroit.

VINNI'S CHILDREN'S CHARITY GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
The 21st annual Vinni's Children's Golf Outing is coming up on June 3 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills. A goal of \$50,000 has been set, so please come out and help us get there! Even if you are not a golfer you can enjoy the dinner, raffles, and auctions. Registration fees are \$150 per golfer and only \$25 if you just want to join us for dinner. Visit www.rmhc-detroit.org/golf to register!



HOUSE CHEF CHALLENGE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
We're so excited for another chance to challenge two Detroit area chefs to cook up something special for the friends and families of RMHC Detroit! Save the date for Thursday, September 22, and watch your email for more details.

LOVE DRIVES US

We are so excited to announce the launch of "Love Drives Us", a campaign that will allow us to bring new programs and family support to Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit. These new programs include a mobile medical unit, called a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, to support equitable access to healthcare for children in Detroit, new Family Rooms to support families in even more southeastern Michigan hospitals, and making sure the families in our House have the comfortable and up to date rooms they deserve.



RMHC DETROIT NOW ACCEPTS CRYPTO

RMHC Detroit is increasing our ability to #KeepFamiliesClose by accepting crypto donations! We know how critical it is that we continue to expand our impact, and we're thrilled to do it through our ability to accept not just Bitcoin, but more than 40 different types of crypto. Know someone with crypto? Help us spread the word by sharing our donation page www.rmhc-detroit.org/how-you-can-help/donate-cryptocurrency.



PANTRY PARTNERS

Pantry Partners are crucial to making our house feel like a home. They adopt a month to provide RMHC Detroit with a portion of our house needs list for that month. Pantry Partners agree to purchase or donate in-kind up to \$500 worth of wishlist items for a month. There are many ways to be a Pantry Partner, like holding a drive for cleaning products or snacks at your office or doing a jeans day fundraiser to purchase the items through our Amazon Wishlist.

