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House Charities®  
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# FROM HOUSE TO HOME

Spring/Summer 2023 Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO  
JENNIFER LITOMISKY

As the birds start building their nests and the grass begins to grow our House is as busy as the bees on a warm summer day. In the first few months of 2023 we have embraced some change as we welcomed new staff and board members with open arms. I am proud of the direction the House is going and the positivity is contagious.

One of the busiest areas of the House has been our wonderful kitchen. From volunteer groups serving their homemade meals to the Shuttle Van Drivers making sure a family doesn't go to their room hungry after a long day at the hospital; it is a beautiful hive of activity filled with kindness, care and connection. I look forward to the months ahead and thank you for your continued support.



## HELP IS IN YOUR HANDS

TEXT THE WORD  
FAMILY  
TO 313-946-9941  
RECEIVE A TEXT & MAKE YOUR  
DONATION TODAY

## PANTRY PARTNERS

After losing their son Justin to a highly aggressive brain cancer the Townsend family created *13Forever*, a non-profit organization that gives back to the numerous organizations that helped their family. In March, *13Forever* became our first "Pantry Partner" to support the House for the entire year of 2023; donating \$500 a month to help keep our pantry stocked with essential items and food.



You can also become a pantry partner by  
donating \$500 a month to RMHC Detroit!

# The Derby Social Saturday, May 6th, 2023



4pm to 7pm  
at the  
Detroit Golf  
Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This Kentucky Derby themed event is hosted by Board Members Sandra Tatum, Yvette Campbell, Phill DiCenso, Mike Mlinarcik. Not only will there be delicious food and cocktails but plenty of TV's to view the live Kentucky Derby, Raffles, Live Auction and a Bourbon Pull to support RMHC Detroit.

Honoring three outstanding supporters:

*Frank Martin, John Kostecki,  
& Szott Automotive Group*

Text **DERBY** to 313-946-9941  
to receive a link on your phone or visit  
**RMHC-Detroit.org** for tickets!

**Friday, June 2nd, 2023**  
**Fieldstone Golf Club**  
**Auburn Hills, MI**

**18 Holes**  
**Putting Contest**  
**Longest Drive**  
**Closest to the Pin**  
**Raffles & Prizes**

Register as an individual golfer or a foursome!

Text **VINNI** to 313-946-9941 to receive the  
details on your phone or visit  
**RMHC-Detroit.org** to register!



## VINNI'S 22ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHARITY GOLF OUTING

**ESCAPE  
TO BELLE ISLE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 15TH 2023**



**2 MILE, 5K, 10K WALK OR RUN  
& A FUN RUN FOR THE KIDS!**

**All participants receive  
a race t-shirt and medal!**

Text **ESCAPE** to 313-946-9941  
to receive the details on your phone  
or visit **RMHC-Detroit.org** to register!

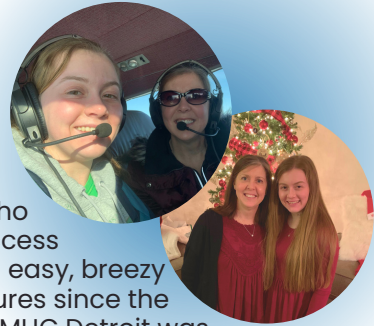


## FROM SHUTTLES TO SALADS

At the tail end of 2022, Regina and her daughter Brooke flew into Detroit on the tailwinds from Michigan's upper peninsula with the help of Northwoods AirLifeline, an organization of volunteer pilots who donate their time and aircraft to help patients and their families access urgent medical services. What would of been a 7 hour drive was an easy, breezy ride in. Brooke, who is now 18, has been battling uncontrollable seizures since the first grade and was coming to receive a life altering surgery, and RMHC Detroit was there to comfort them both. Brooke's surgery went very well and they were back in the air in no time; but no trip is complete without a thorough review and Regina did not disappoint.

**"...your shuttle drivers were so wonderful. We took the morning shuttle for Brooke's surgery and we couldn't have started the day with a better person. I swear she was a gift to us that morning. After Brooke's surgery she was so hungry and ordered plain pasta with a Caesar salad from the hospital; though she was discharged before it got to her. Our afternoon driver was also super kind for helping us in the kitchen when we returned and believe it or not, we found a container of plain pasta and Caesar salad in the fridge! Brooke got to have the meal she was craving after all, she was so happy! Our stay at your House was a blessing financially, but in so many other ways as well. It was so uplifting to witness so much care and kindness in our world. Thank you again, to all of you, for making our stay so wonderful!"**

Since their stay Regina says Brooke is doing great and they are hoping this surgery was the answer they had been looking for. Brooke is a freshman in college studying plant biology and horticulture with an interest in working with plants - possibly for medicinal purposes.



**VOLUNTER TO MAKE A MEAL**  
WELCOMING GROUPS OF 12 OR LESS  
GIVE OUR FRONT DESK A CALL AT 313-745-5909  
TO SCHEDULE A DATE AND TIME TO COME COOK  
YOUR FAVORITE MEAL FOR OUR FAMILIES



## SHOP & SUPPORT

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THE HOUSE IS BY DONATING  
ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: PAPER TOWEL, TOILET  
PAPER, TISSUE, LAUNDRY SOAP, DRYER SHEETS, DISH  
SOAP, SPONGES & ON THE GO SNACK FOODS!



**A MESSAGE FROM  
ASSOCIATE BOARD PRESIDENT  
MACKENZIE MCMAHON**

The Associate Board has had an exciting start in 2023. Currently, we have sixteen members with plans to grow every quarter. While our members have varying professional backgrounds, we all bring fresh perspectives and talents to supporting the House. We make sure we are spending many hours each month cooking dinners for the families, tending to the garden or House cleaning, and hosting tours of the Family Room.

Besides volunteering our time, we are hosting *five* fundraising events! **Our next event will be our 2nd Annual Summer House Party hosted at Tin Roof in Detroit on June 2nd.** Each event has raised more than the last and we are projected to exceed our fundraising goal for the year!



**FOLLOW THEIR INSTAGRAM FOR ALL  
THINGS ASSOCIATE BOARD!**

Text **SUMMER** to 313-946-9941  
to receive the Summer House Party event details  
on your phone or visit **RMHC-Detroit.org**

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**Marva Tyler**