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## Groundbreaking Birthday Party

On Sunday, September 14th, the Ronald McDonald House celebrated 24 years of serving families with a Groundbreaking Birthday Party. We enjoyed seeing many of you at our party and greatly appreciate all of you who volunteered to help make the event a success.

The party was full of fun for both children and adults with face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, cake and ice cream, an inflatable slide, a live DJ and entertainment, Therapy Dog visits, expansion information, and autograph signings by WFU star athletes. Special visitors included the WFU Deacon, important local and state leaders and Ronald McDonald himself! We also loved visiting with our former families and friendly Ardmore neighbors. It was a beautiful, sunny day for celebrating our 24 years in Winston-Salem and for breaking ground for the new expansion!



Ronald McDonald and the WFU Deacon greet guests with WFU's Riley Skinner and Ben Wooster.

## In-Service Training for Brenner Family Room Volunteers

With the exception of new volunteers who attended the Baptist Hospital new volunteer orientation in 2008, all Brenner Family Room volunteers are required to attend one in-service training session. If you have not attended one of the prior sessions, please plan on attending the one below:

**October 21, 12 noon  
in Babcock Auditorium**

We would not want to lose any of our wonderful Brenner Family Room volunteers!

## Volunteer Networking Directory

Do you run your own business, have a special talent, or just want us to know where you work or attend school? We would love for you to share. Over the next few months, we are establishing a Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Networking Directory. If you would like to have your name and any information included, please e-mail or call Abby (723-0228x11 or AbbyB@rmhwinstonsalem.org). Please include only what you would like distributed amongst our volunteers. We will only publish names and information of volunteers who notify us. You can send us as little as your name or as much as your e-mail, phone number, place of employment, business, and any facts you would like to share. We want our directory to be a useful tool for networking, information in the area and a way for you to get to know one another. There are over 200 talented volunteers involved with the RMH and we know you have a lot to share! We look forward to hearing from you.

## Volunteer "Lunch Bunch"

Does the thought of the upcoming holiday season make you break out in a cold sweat? Do you find yourself glaring at people who proudly announce that they completed their holiday shopping in August and have the big dinner prepared and frozen? If so, please join us for the next volunteer "Lunch Bunch" session which will take place on a weekday in early November at 12:30 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House. Lunch will be provided. We will be sharing and comparing our holiday delights and disasters while making new friends and enjoying the company of some of the nicest folks in the Winston-Salem area: our super volunteers! We are planning to make available several copies of the very funny and heartwarming book **Skipping Christmas** by John Grisham. Reading the book is not required to attend "Lunch Bunch."

All House, FAP, and Family Room volunteers are welcome to join us. Please let us know which date(s) you prefer by indicating your choice(s) in one of the red folders in either Abby's office (by the sign-in sheet) or on the volunteer desk in both of the Family Rooms. In addition, let us know whether you would like a tuna or club "sub" and if you would like to borrow the book. If you have any questions, please call 723-0228x39 or email Judy at [judys@rmhwinstonsalem.org](mailto:judys@rmhwinstonsalem.org).

## Volunteer Opportunities at the Ronald McDonald House and Family Rooms During the Holidays

It is now October and time for us to begin planning the holidays. If you would like to spend some time with our House or Family Room guests, we would love to have help from you and your family. If you are able to help at the House, please contact Abby (723-0228x11). If you can help at the Family Rooms, please contact Judy (723-0228x39). Opportunities in the Family Room are on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days with meals provided. Family Room volunteers are welcome to also help at the House. Open shifts at the House are on the following days:

November 27 (Thanksgiving)

December 13, 14, 20,  
21, 24, 25

January 1

Those who have  
volunteered on past  
holidays guarantee that

is a very rewarding experience. Your time and  
service are such gifts to the families we serve.



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