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Heart to Heart

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Love in Action

It is February and "love is in the air." During this month we see hearts wherever we look. However, those of us who spend time at the Ronald McDonald House and Family Rooms feel the love of our volunteers every day.

Enter the Ronald McDonald House and feel surrounded by the warm and caring spirit of the many volunteers. You may see **Carolyn Blakley** chatting with guests or folding laundry, **Lois Miller** checking rooms, **Barbara Byrd** writing "Thank You" notes, **Pat Mazza** heading to the hospital to meet with families, **Irene Covington** setting up the prizes for Bingo, or **Alyssa Corne** loading the buggy to take food to the Brenner Family Room.

Open the Forsyth Family Room door and you may see **Julia Shively** making the morning coffee, or **Elaine Hill** chatting with guests. Peak in on Christmas Day and you will find **Dinah and John Reece** preparing and serving a holiday meal. Stop in at 6 p.m. and you may see **Darla Clark, Tom McCaully, Judy Reed, Jody Wall or Sabrina Smith** arriving to cover the evening shift after a long day. Lucky weekend guests may find themselves in the gentle care of **Maria Quesada, Charlott Mayhall, Dana Nelson, or Caroline Bell.**

Go to the Brenner Family Room on a Wednesday morning and you may find **Shirley Adams** training a new volunteer. Another weekday you may see **Doris Arzonico, Cathy Ebert, or Aurelia Eller** warmly greeting guests. On weekends the Brenner room is open and filled with families thanks to volunteers like **Debbie Faircloth, Penni Bradshaw, Bill Meginnis, Jim Molidor, or Ken Burkel** who culminate their busy week by generously giving their free time to help others.

These are just a few of the wonderful volunteers who day by day open their hearts and give their time for our guests. Each and every one of you is vital to the consistent support we offer. So every time you see a heart in February, know that the families and staff of the Ronald McDonald House and Family Rooms are grateful that you share your love every month of the year.

RMH Yard

Clean Up Day



**Saturday,
March 21st
10:00 am -
12:30 pm**

We are looking for volunteers to help us prepare our outdoor areas for Spring. We supply a light breakfast and some yard tools. If you have your own yard tools, please bring them with you.

Please let us know if you are coming and bringing your green thumbs!

To sign up, please contact Abby at

723-0228 x11 or

AbbyB@rmhwinstonsalem.org

*Rain Date is March 28

Come Celebrate the Ronald McDonald Forsyth Family Room's First Birthday!

When: Monday, February 2nd

Where: Ronald McDonald
Family Room, 3rd Floor,
North Tower, NICU



**Celebration
with
Cake and
Ice Cream**

Beginning at Noon!

Congratulations

to the following

Family Room Volunteers

Tina Strates

Who graduated from Wake Forest University on May 19 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry

Lori Adams

Who graduated from Winston Salem State University on December 19 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

RMH on Facebook

We've just created a Facebook page for our RMH. If you have a Facebook Account (it's a social networking site), we'd love for you to become a "fan" of our page. We will post upcoming events, wish list items, photos and more on our site - and we want you to be a part of it! We hope this will make our House even more visible to our community and invite you to share our page with your friends and family members.

If you have an account, you can find us by searching "Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, Inc." .

We hope to "see" you on Facebook!



Family Support Program News

Welcome New Volunteers!

We would like to welcome our newest Family Support Program volunteers who recently completed their new volunteer orientation and training: **Susan Brewer, Nancy Tuohy, Cory Welch, John Ruddy, and Marilyn Rowe.** Susan is a Licensed Massage Therapist who is in private practice. She will be providing stress reduction for our sore and tired families through therapeutic chair massages at the House. Nancy is a former Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nurse at Brenner Children's Hospital. She now works in nursing research and looks forward to providing support to our families during bedside hospital visits. Cory is a senior at Winston-Salem State University and is applying to graduate counseling programs in the area. John is the husband of one of our wonderful Evening Managers, Vicki Ruddy, and is pursuing a career in nursing. Marilyn is retired from a long and distinguished career in the medical field and will also be a great resource for our families. Many thanks to each of our newest volunteers; we appreciate your interest in offering support to our families and look forward to working with you in serving our guests.

Heartfelt Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Danielle Bennett**, one of our loyal and dedicated Pet Therapy Volunteers, following the death of her husband of 38 years, Tim Bennett. Our entire staff and volunteer family extend our sympathy and love to Danielle, her two daughters, and their extended family during this difficult time.



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