

# HOME NEWS

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## When Wonderland Came To Town

(by Heather Bivin)

Fairytales really do come true! Just ask anyone who attended our first annual Mommy, Me, Daddy, and Beanie Baby Tea. On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the beautiful Plaza Club in downtown San Antonio was transformed into Wonderland for the day, complete with characters from the most famous tea party, *Alice in Wonderland*. The magical story came to life right in front of our guests' eyes! As they arrived in their tea party best, Alice, the Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter, White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, and the Playing Card King and Queen were there to greet them and pose for pictures. Dillard's North Star Mall put on a style show with winter fashions for adults and children. Visitors to Wonderland enjoyed putting on silly accessories and popping into the photo booth for funny pictures to commemorate the event. Guests were also entertained by Amanda Medina who played the grand piano, performances by the Stone Oak Youth Theater, mini makeovers by Clinique, face painting, manicures, and temporary tattoos. Thank you to all who supported us by attending, donating auction items, sponsoring our event, and to everyone who shared their talents with us. Fundraisers like this are what allow us to further our mission of helping critically ill and injured children and their families. It was a wonderful outing for our brave guest families and a chance for them to escape their difficult situations. Situations that at times seem impossible to overcome. But, as our friend Alice said, "Sometimes I believe as many as 6 impossible things before breakfast." Please join us next year!



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**By Penny Viteo**

We at the Ronald McDonald Houses of San Antonio and Laredo have much to be thankful for in 2012. We've had a very successful year. We have been blessed to continue serving children and their families. The communities we serve continue to support our houses. And, we have a wonderful staff who are passionate about their work.

Our capability and capacity to serve children and their families does not happen magically. Our houses, just like yours, need money to support them – we have repairs and improvements to make, groceries to buy, appliances to replace, utility bills to pay, etc. With the help of many people and organizations (including the Friends of Ronald McDonald House, and the San Antonio McDonald's co-op) we have been successful at raising the funds we need to continue our regular operations.

But we have new, significant challenges ahead of us. Christus Santa Rosa is already transforming its downtown San Antonio hospital into a hospital serving only children, changing both its focus and reconstructing the hospital building. Our Santa Rosa house has closed temporarily while the new construction takes place. And, the University of Texas Health Science Center has announced plans (and is moving forward) with its partner, Vanguard Health Systems, to build a brand new children's hospital in the San Antonio Medical Center. Our house at the Medical Center is already operating at nearly 100% capacity.

These new hospitals will challenge us to keep pace with this growth, and will require us to provide new facilities to serve the increasing number of seriously ill children (and their families) who will be treated at these facilities. While we do not yet know precisely what facilities we will be building and how much they will cost, we know that the cost will be a significant undertaking, in addition to the regular operating costs for our existing facilities.

We are committed to meeting the needs of the communities we serve. But, we can only do this with your help, and the help of new friends and supporters. As we finalize our plans, we will be letting you know what those plans are and how you can help. Stay tuned – as they say, the best is yet to come!

Happy holidays and have a safe and happy New Year.



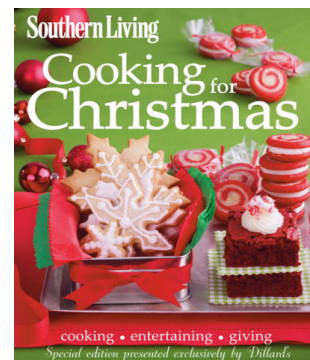
Mark your calenders for  
next year's Tea Party!  
OCTOBER 19, 2013



## Southern Living Holiday Cookbook Event

by Heather Bivin

He's larger than life, looks amazing in red, children love him, and he was recently spotted at the mall. No, I'm not talking about jolly old St. Nick. I'm talking about Ronald McDonald! Each year from October through the end of the year, Dillard's stores in San Antonio sell Southern Living Holiday Cookbooks with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the San Antonio Ronald McDonald Houses. This year, on October 25th from 4-7 p.m., Dillard's North Star Mall hosted a cookbook signing where Ronald McDonald autographed all cookbooks purchased during that time at no additional charge. This beautiful, hardback, full color cookbook can be purchased for only \$10.00 and makes a wonderful holiday gift! Last year more than \$30,000 was raised for the San Antonio Ronald McDonald Houses from the sale of the books. Thank you to Dillard's and Southern Living for their continued support! Pick up your holiday cookbook today at any San Antonio Dillard's store.



### WISH LIST

This is a list of "nice to have items" that the guests and staff can use to keep things running smoothly.

- Laundry Detergent
- Softener Sheets
- Cleaning Products
- Trash Can Liners
- Paper Products
- Dish Washing Detergent
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Hand Towels
- Aluminum Foil
- Zip Lock Bags
- Cooking Oil
- Plastic & Quilted Pillow Covers
- Twin Size Blankets
- Twin Size Plastic Mattress Protectors
- Full/Queen Size Quilted Mattress Covers
- Phone Cards
- Stamps

## Save The Date: March 4, 2013

### Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio Golf Classic

#### The Club at Sonterra Noon Shotgun Start

New This Year:  
Tennis Playday

Registration Opens  
October 1, 2012



**PRIZES - GOLF BALL DROP - GOODIE BAGS - LUNCH - SILENT AUCTION**

Interested in playing in the tournament or in sponsorship opportunities? Visit our website at [www.ronaldmcdonaldhouse-sa.org](http://www.ronaldmcdonaldhouse-sa.org). Join us for a great day of golf and tennis in support of a very worthy cause.

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Ms. Lily Adamski - Get Well  
Ms. Laurie Goetke  
Mr. Dan Alto - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Mr. Brett Anderson - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Mr. Jeffery Anderson - Thank You  
Ms. Darcie R. Griffin  
Vicky & Cathy Anthony - Holiday Greeting  
Ms. Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Ms. Aimee Ash - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Roddy & Samantha Baker - Happy Holidays  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Ms. Diana Banda - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Ms. Colleen Barrett - Merry Christmas  
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Reiningger  
Ms. Elsa Barshop - Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman

Elsa Barshop & Elliott Cohen - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Mildred V. Ehrenberg  
Dr. & Mrs. Bob Baxter - Happy Anniversary  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Mr. Woody Berner - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Joe & Patty Biederman - Holiday Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kline  
Ms. Pat Bivn - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Reba Cooper  
Ms. Susan Blair - Happy Holidays  
Ms. Marjorie R. Marks  
Ms. Susan Bolton - Merry Christmas  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Ms. Peggy Bowman - Happy Birthday  
Ms. Margorie R. Marks  
Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Brady - Merry Christmas  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hale  
Mr. Gordon Brown & Family - Happy Holidays  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Mr. Bob Buckholdt - Happy Holidays  
Marvin Schweppe  
Rev. & Mrs. Jack Bush & Family - Holiday Greetings  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kline  
Rev. & Mrs. Jack Bush - Speedy Recovery  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kline  
Ms. Nancy Calles - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. Branden Carpenter - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike McGuire  
Mr. Carey Chambers - Merry Christmas  
Mrs. Reba Cooper  
Mr. Carey Chambers - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kline  
Ms. Sharon Clansy - Thank You  
Ms. Mary Alicia Day  
Mr. Felix Colmenares - Happy 90th Birthday  
Ms. Rita F. Howard  
Ms. Reba Cooper - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mrs. Reba Cooper - Merry Christmas  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kline  
Vince & Joan Covert - Holiday Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. Charles Davis - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Dobski - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dobski  
Ms. Elsie Dreesen - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family

Ms. Kaitlyn Dubrof - Bar Mitzvah  
Mrs. Judy Lachman  
Ms. Avery Dykzeul - Happy Birthday  
Jerry & Sherry Maltby  
Mr. Shane Ensz - In Honor  
Karl & Dorothy Ensz  
Geoff & Carolyn Fowler - Holiday Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Jim & Tina Gorman - Happy 60th Anniversary  
Mrs. Mildred V. Ehrenberg  
Mr. Sean Green - Happy Birthday  
Jackie & Kim Green  
Mr. Ermilo Guamero, III - In Honor  
Capital Group Company Charitable Foundation  
Mr. Adam Gurivity - Bar Mitzvah  
Mrs. Judy Lachman  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hale - Holiday Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Genie & Dan Hanke - In Honor  
Ms. Yvette Kalter  
Dwayne & Mary Herral - In Honor  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hale  
Mr. Bruce Hendin - Special Birthday  
Ms. Yvette Kalter  
Ms. Mary B. Hobbs - In Honor  
Ms. Kathy Sutton  
Mr. Samuel Joseph Holen - In Honor of 3rd Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Anderson  
Ms. Heather Florell  
Ms. Denise Gustafson  
Wendi & Mike Hadley  
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Ms. LaVaughn Larson  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Nelson  
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Cami & Neil Shupe  
Trattoria Flippin's Sweet  
Stephanie & Andrew VanCampen  
Ms. Alma Hunter - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hunter - Happy Anniversary  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. Benjamin Hunter - 2nd Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Johnson - Happy & Health New Year  
Tasos Kaifas - Merry Christmas  
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Mrs. Danetta A. Powell  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kline - Merry Christmas  
Mrs. Reba Cooper  
Mr. Bill Kline - Happy Birthday  
Dr. Mark Kline  
Dr. Mark Kline - Merry Christmas  
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Drs. Gary Kline & Shu-Hui Wu - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers & Family  
Mrs. Judy Lachman - In Honor  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Jerry & Ted Lee - Happy Holidays  
Ms. Pat Bivin

Ms. Hestia Lei - Merry Christmas  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Ms. Shirley Lerner - Happy Birthday  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Danielle & Mike Marasco - Holiday  
Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Mr. Robert McArthur - In Honor  
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Ms. Jan Mobley - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Cindy Timmins  
Ms. Clarissa Moreno - Happy  
Birthday  
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Mr. Alberto Moreno, Jr. - Happy  
Birthday  
Mrs. Martina Moreno  
Stephan Motz & Liz Fox - Happy  
Holidays  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Ms. Brianna Nelson - In Honor  
Jefferson State Bank Employees  
Mr. Mason Novak - In Honor  
Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Novak  
Mrs. Beth Novik - Happy Birthday  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Ruth Nyander & Tina Curtis - Holiday  
Greeting  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Mr. & Mrs. John Odell - Happy An-  
niversary  
Mrs. Reba Cooper  
Mrs. Leona Pappas - Special Birthday  
Ms. Marjorie R. Marks  
Ms. Betty Pisano - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Ms. Catherine Pisano - Happy Birth-  
day  
Ms. Betty Lou Pisano  
Ms. Isabel Pisano - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Ms. Laurie Pisano - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Louis & Laurie Pisano - Happy  
Bithday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. Louis David Pisano - Happy  
Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. Victor Pisano, Jr. - Happy  
Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mr. Landon Pisano - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Ms. Reece Plake - In Honor  
Brian & Lindsay Woodward  
Mrs. Danetta Powell - Merry Christ-  
mas  
Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Karasek  
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Pullen - 50th An-  
niversary  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Ms. Reesa Pullen - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Ms. Stehanie Rickel - Get Well  
Mrs. Judy Lachman  
Larry Roberts & Family - Happy  
Holidays  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Mrs. Charlotte Robertson - Happy  
Birthday  
Ms. Marjorie R. Marks

Col. & Mrs. Rohrbough - 50th An-  
niversary  
Mr. Bruce Gregg  
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ross - 50th An-  
niversary  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Debbie & Cass Sansom & Family -  
Holiday Greetings  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Dr. & Mrs. Ewell Scott - Happy  
Holidays  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Ms. Cindy Shafer - Merry Christmas  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Marilyn & Joe Shockney - Holiday  
Greetings  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Dr. John Sippy - Merry Christmas  
Ms. Pat Bivin  
Dr. & Mrs. Sam Smith - Happy An-  
niversary  
Dr. & Mrs. Barry Portnoy  
Mrs. Lois Solomon - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Ms. Doris Spector - Happy Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
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ily - Happy New Year  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Solomon  
Mr. Charles Sugerma - Happy  
Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Cindy Timmins & Family - Holiday  
Greetings  
Pat Bivin, Carey Chambers &  
Family  
Ms. Rosemarie Uresti - Happy  
Holidays  
Mr. Gordon Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. John Valentine - 50th  
Anniversary  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Mrs. Rose Valentine - Happy Birthday  
Mrs. Betty Lou Pisano  
Ms. Penny Viteo & Family - Happy  
Holidays  
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niversary  
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Charles Way - Get Well  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Neuman  
Mr. Jeff Weber - Happy Holidays  
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Christmas  
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Birthday  
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niversary  
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 Stephen & Penelope Viteo  
 The Shockney Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shockney  
 Three Rivers High School NHS  
 Jessica Tom & Kathryn Wolff  
 B.H. Timmins  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Timmins  
 Mrs. Jessica Tom  
 Mrs. Rosemary Brevard  
 Trust Consulting Group  
 Mr. John T. Gonzales  
 Vox Printing  
 Mr. Dennis Reid  
 Brooklyn Watson  
 Bobby & Kim Watson  
 Mrs. Whiteheads 4th Grade Class  
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 ary School  
 Mrs. Whiteheads 4th Grad Class  
 David & Alma Winkel  
 Ms. Alma R. Winkel





## Keeping Current

By Pat Bivin

Executive Director

*Imagine being told your child is seriously ill.*

*Imagine having to travel miles from home for medical treatment.*

*Imagine not knowing where you will stay.*

*Imagine being told there is a warm welcoming home.*

*Imagine the Ronald McDonald House...*

January 2013 I will have had the honor and privilege of serving as Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio for 27 years. I have been blessed by getting to know and welcome thousands of families who have had to imagine and deal with the trauma of finding out their child is seriously ill. We all understand that one day we may be a caregiver for our parents or spouse, but in a perfect world, our children would always be happy and healthy and lead long full lives. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world and bad things do happen to those we cherish the most – our children. This year alone, over 1,500 families have found respite at one of our San Antonio Ronald McDonald Houses or Laredo Family rooms. These children and their families touch my life and the lives of all of our staff and volunteers in meaningful and poignant ways. They teach us faith, they teach us commitment, they teach us humility, they teach us grace and they show us the true meaning of love. Thankfully, many of these special children heal, flourish and are able to return home however, sadly, that is not always the case. Now...

*Imagine being told there is no welcoming home.*

*Imagine being told there is no Ronald McDonald House...*

*Imagine having no place to stay for days, weeks, months and sometimes years while your child receives medical care.*

Our Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Rooms are open every day of the year to embrace these children and their families. The demands for our service are increasing and we are dedicated to addressing and meeting the challenges that lie ahead. Board of Directors, volunteers and staff dedicate countless hours and tireless devotion to ensure the needs of our families are met. As we continue to expand and grow we need each of you even more. Call us. Come by. Remember us with your financial gift. When you give of your time, talents and financial resources you allow us to fulfill our mission and open our doors each and every day.

Thank you for your part in helping us embrace and care for families in their time of need. I wish each of you and those you love a healthy and happy 2013.

For more information on events, volunteer opportunities or  
general information visit

[www.ronaldmcdonaldhouse-sa.org](http://www.ronaldmcdonaldhouse-sa.org) or

[facebook.com/rmhcsanantonio](https://www.facebook.com/rmhcsanantonio)



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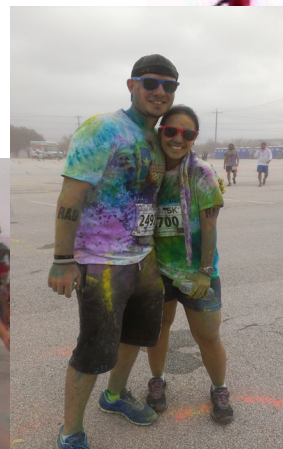
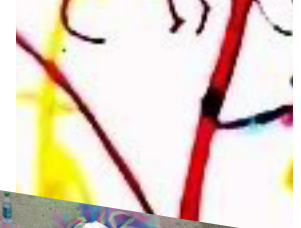
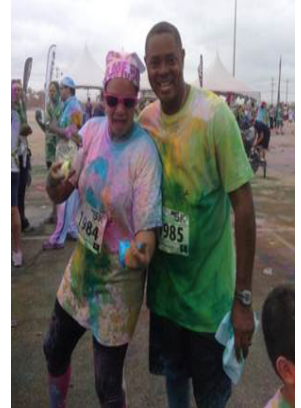


# COLOR ME RAD 5K

Ready, Set, Rad!  
By Heather Bivin



We've all heard the expression "Paint the Town Red", but what do you think would happen if 7,000 people gathered together to paint the town... RAD? San Antonio found out on December 2, 2012 when the San Antonio Ronald McDonald Houses teamed up with Color Me Rad for our first annual 5K fun run! Picture this, thousands of people, all in crisp, clean, white shirts, poised and ready to go at the start line...then BOOM! Let the color-bombing begin! As they ran by the color stations, the participants were adorned with brightly colored corn starch! The mixture of blues, greens, purples, pinks, oranges, and yellows made them look like living art! The party continued as they crossed the finish line and they celebrated and danced and had a very rad time as the awesome people from Color Me Rad blasted music and color-bombed them! We would like to thank Color Me Rad for selecting Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio, TX to benefit from this wildly fun event. Also, thank you so much to all of our amazing volunteers who helped make this event a huge success. We are very excited to announce that we are making this an annual event. For more information, please visit [colormerad.com](http://colormerad.com). Come get rad with us next year!





# The Spirit of Giving

By Heather Bivin

The diagnosis of a critically ill child is life-changing. In that moment, time stops and life as you know it ceases to exist. However, there is hope. There is a plan of attack on the disease that has invaded your life. Life-saving treatment is available. But what if this treatment is many miles away? All of our guest families are from out of town. They must travel many miles, through

many different cities and sometimes across state lines and even borders. That being said, the majority of the families we serve do not have their own transportation. They must rely on the kindness and availability of family and friends to aid them in their journey. This help is not always available. The treatment is waiting, but they have no way to get to it. Or, their child is allowed to return home, but there is an emergency in the middle of the night and they live in a very rural town which is many miles away from the closest medical facility. Can you imagine how frightening it must be to have to just hope there is someone willing and able to get them to the medical care that will save their child's life? In a situation like that, every second counts and there is no wiggle room. Luckily, Progressive Insurance and Pro Care Car Star came to the rescue! These wonderful people donated their time, talents, and money in a way we could never have imagined! They completely made over and donated 3 cars to 3 very deserving Ronald McDonald House families! This is the second year they have given this life-saving, life-changing gift. This will provide these families with a sense of security and peace and allow them to travel whenever needed to ensure that their children receive the care they need. Thank you so much to Progressive Insurance and Pro Care Car Star. You have truly shown us the meaning of selflessness and giving.



## HEARTS OF HOPE

Looking for the perfect gift? A "Heart of Hope" to honor family and friends is one size fits all!. It will hang in one of the three Ronald McDonald Houses. You can purchase a heart for \$25.00. Place your order today and make a difference.



## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS... THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!





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These children touched our lives for just a brief time. While they are no longer here with us, they will remain forever in our hearts.

Richardo Garcia Arreola, Jr.

Luca Arrieta

Jordan Brown

Elias Cordero

Riley Craig

Shane Ensz

Antalina Guana

Maddison Hall

America Hernandez

Anthony Holloway

Ellie Nichole Howard

Zaria Johnson

Bailee Morales

Maria Resendis

Maria Fernanda Flores - Reyes

Dayanara Rodriguez

Valerie Salomon

Alessandra Soto

Junqi Kevin Tan

Kayden Thompson

Baby Whitaker

Aurora Wood

Joseph Ybarra

Moises Zapata



## MESSAGE

by Jeanne Wentzell

I wanted to say how excited and humbled I am to be serving as President of the Friends of Ronald McDonald House. I certainly have big shoes to fill as Susan Gallaway turns the reins over. However, with Cindy Timmins, the staff of the Houses, my fellow Board members, and the membership, I know that we will have a successful year.

2013 marks 30 years since the Friends of Ronald McDonald House began. We are excited to have both new and returning events planned. The "Chair-ity Event" returns along with a new concept where the golf and tennis event will be combined for the first time. The new year also brings changes to the Cookie Patrol and Evening Meals but I know we are ready for the challenge. These are just a few of the many exciting events planned.

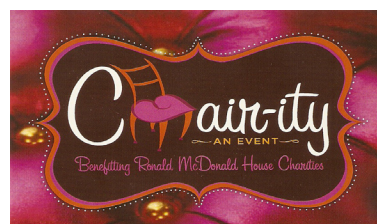
In closing, let us not forget our Mission and remember it's the children and families that we serve.



## DEAR FRIENDS,

As of January 1, 2013, the rules for our food projects will change as follows:

All food must be prepared at the Ronald McDonald House. We will no longer be able to accept food prepared at home. You may donate store bought food as long as it is in its sealed, original, store packaging. You may also provide our guest families with restaurant food, but it must be delivered by an employee of that restaurant. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope you will continue to provide baked goods and meals to our guest families. It really is a wonderful way to help out and is very much appreciated.



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 13, 2013

The Westin at La Cantera

### Chair-ity Event

Signature & original chairs designed by artists/signed by celebrities, donated for your comfort and enjoyment.

Contact: Chair-ity Chairperson  
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or sbgallaway@aol.com to  
contribute, volunteer, or attend.