



# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WISH LIST

## ABOUT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE® OF MEMPHIS

Ronald McDonald House® of Memphis is a “home-away-from-home” for families who are in Memphis while their child is receiving treatment for cancer or another catastrophic illness at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Since 1991, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis has been giving families the gift of “Home” completely free of charge. Since opening, more than 6,400 families have been given a warm bed, a warm meal, and when needed, a warm hug from another family fighting the same battle. Through the generous support we receive from the community, Ronald McDonald House is able to give families the most valuable commodity of all: more time. That means more time for playing, more time for laughing, and more time to say “I love you.”

Ronald McDonald House of Memphis is an independent, community supported, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. To supplement our core staff, we have over 1,000 volunteers who cover daily and weekly shifts at the House, as well as provide help during our major fundraising events. Although Ronald McDonald House® of Memphis receives generous support from McDonald’s and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, more than 50 percent of the annual budget is donated by individuals, businesses, churches, clubs, and organizations in the community.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

**VOLUNTEER** – Volunteers are needed to help at the House, as well as at local fundraising events benefiting Ronald McDonald House® of Memphis. For more information, e-mail [deenean@rmhc-memphis.org](mailto:deenean@rmhc-memphis.org)

**COLLECT HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** – Donations of Wish List items are always appreciated. For the most current list visit us online at [www.rmhc-memphis.org/wishlist](http://www.rmhc-memphis.org/wishlist).

**HOST AN EVENT / SERVE A MEAL** – Plan a meal or activity for the children and families of Ronald McDonald House. Activities may include arts and crafts, game nights, parties, music- or drama presentations, etc. For more information, e-mail [deenean@rmhc-memphis.org](mailto:deenean@rmhc-memphis.org)

**REQUEST A SPEAKER** – To learn more about Ronald McDonald House® of Memphis, request a speaker for your organization or group. For more information, e-mail [deenean@rmhc-memphis.org](mailto:deenean@rmhc-memphis.org)

**SCHEDULE A TOUR** – Take a tour of “The House That Love Built”. The purpose of our Heart and Home Tours is to give the community an “up close and personal” look at Ronald McDonald House. Get to know what

Ronald McDonald House is really about and come see what makes this House a home. For more information, contact Caron Byrd, Executive Director at (901) 312 – 7480 or [Caron@rmhc-memphis.org](mailto:Caron@rmhc-memphis.org).

**Please note:** due to the suppressed immune systems of the children at Ronald McDonald House we can only accept new toys, games, books and linens (no stuffed animals please).

**VISIT OUR GIFT REGISTRIES**

Website: [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

First Name: Ronald McDonald House

Last Name: Memphis

<b>PAPER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES</b>		
Toilet Paper	Aluminum Foil	Disinfectant / antibacterial wipers
Kleenex	Laundry detergent	Dishwasher detergent
Paper Towels	Liquid hand soap	Swiffer wet and dry refills
<b>STAPLE FOODS</b>		
<b>Individual</b> snacks (i.e.: Little Debbie’s, cookies etc.)	<b>Individual</b> boxes of cereal & Pop Tarts	<b>Individual</b> bags of chips
Canned tuna/microwave Mac & Cheese, other microwave meals	SpagettiO’s / Ravioli’s	<b>Healthy snacks (raisins, fruit rollups, granola bars)</b>
Boxed meals	Pasta noodles and sauce	<b>Juice boxes</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>		
Event passes & tickets (i.e.: ball games, movies)	Full size mattress pads and vinyl mattress pads	<b>New release DVDs</b>
Bathroom rugs (white or beige 21” x 34”)	<b>Mildew resistant shower curtain liners (clear)</b>	Silverware
<b>Gift cards to area stores (i.e.: Target, Sam’s Club)</b>	Video games for Nintendo Wii, Xbox360 and PS3	<b>Art canvases and paint brushes(all sizes), pastel and acrylic paints</b>
<b>OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>		
White copy paper (letter size) and bright colored copy paper and card stock	Folders with pockets	<b>Stamps and stationary</b>

Most needed items are in **bold**

**ONGOING NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WHO CALL THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE THEIR HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME**

- Plan a meal or activity for the children and families of Ronald McDonald House
- Collect household Wish List and pantry items
- Volunteer to help with light cleaning during weekday afternoons
- Make a monetary donation (acknowledgement cards – In Memory of or In Honor of – will be sent upon request)