



Sponsoring meals for the Ronald McDonald House

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring a meal for our families at the Ronald McDonald House. We are a community supported "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children who must travel long distances to receive care at our local hospitals on the island of Oahu. The families who stay at the House are often under a great deal of stress and appreciate a home cooked, nourishing meal prepared by caring individual and group volunteers in the community.

Meal Procedures:

- ♥ To help us maintain a quiet and relaxed refuge for our families please keep noise levels to a minimum and limit your group to no more than 15 people. A guardian must accompany and supervise volunteers under the age of 16 at all times.
- ♥ You may prepare your meal using our large communal kitchen. It is equipped with two stoves/ovens, an island in the middle of the kitchen, serving utensils, pots and pans, etc. Please make room for families who may need to share the kitchen while your group is here.
- ♥ The family's priority is to be at their child's bedside, and we cannot guarantee how many people will attend your scheduled meal. Be assured however, that the families appreciate your food and it will be eaten at a later hour. We suggest bringing a disposable container for leftovers and a large refrigerator is available for storage. This will allow family members who stay late with their child at the hospital to eat at their convenience.
- ♥ You will want to plan on serving between 35-40 people. If your party is planning on eating with the families, be sure to add on to the amount of your party. If your time allows, we encourage you and your group to eat and spend time with the Ronald McDonald House families.
- ♥ As part of your service to the House, please plan for time to prepare, serve the guests, and clean up. Our small staff greatly appreciates your help with us.
- ♥ To alleviate cost, Ronald McDonald House will provide soft drinks, paper goods (plates, napkins, and utensils), and rice (upon request).

- ♥ Breakfast times vary check with the Volunteer Services Manager, Lunch is scheduled at 12:30pm and dinner at 5:30pm. Please inform the Volunteer Services Manager your group's anticipated arrival.
- ♥ The House is located at 1970 Judd Hillside Road located in the Manoa area. Our cross streets are Manoa Road and Judd Hillside Road located before the split of East Manoa Road and Manoa Road.
- ♥ Parking is very limited at the Judd Hillside House. We give first priority to our families; therefore we ask that you drop off any supplies and Volunteers at our Judd Hillside House. Public street parking is available on Kamehameha Avenue which is located directly across Judd Hillside Road. Please do not park on Judd Hillside Road. The manager on duty will give you further directions if necessary.
- ♥ Please make sure your hands, utensils and cooking areas are clean. Many of our guests are immune compromised, please do not prepare food, or visit the House if you are ill.
- ♥ Volunteers are required to sign a waiver for liability purposes. Volunteers under the age of eighteen will need waivers signed in advance by their legal guardian.
- ♥ Meals do not need to be elaborate. Ideas for meals: spaghetti, chili, Lasagna, meatloaf, etc. A barbeque grill is available upon prior request. You can also make create themes as part of your meal. For example preparing a Mexican or Chinese theme cuisine.
- ♥ For better availability, please schedule your dinner well in advance with the Volunteer Services Manager. We recommend having an alternate dinner date available in case your choice of date has already been reserved by another group.
- ♥ Our families come from a variety of religious backgrounds. Here at the House we do not allow any religious preaching or teaching in an effort to make sure no one feels uncomfortable. In the instance that it does occur, we hope you understand that your group will be asked to leave.
- ♥ Thank you again for supporting the families of the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Ahakuelo, Volunteer Services Manager at 973-5683 ext. 241.