

Ronald McDonald House™
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Welcome to Ronald McDonald House Birmingham

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. It's been a busy couple of months for staff at the House and our supporters out in the local community. We've all been working flat out to support all the families who are staying with us. We really can't do what we do without everyone's support and generosity so THANK YOU. As you may know it costs approx £500,000 per year to run the Birmingham House so we still have more to do and could really do with your help.

Many hands make light work

We now have over 25 volunteers that help on a regular basis.

- Kayleigh Machin – not only did she bring her mom and sister-in-law, but her Nan and Grandad – she said that they had a fab family day out.
- Every Thursday we have students from the Archway Academy who come and help out.
- On the 16th April, Bryan Clucas and some of his cubs and 1 scout from 148th St Dunstons came and volunteered for the day.

We rely on our volunteers, especially during the week-end. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact Mel Ashford on 0121 203 2002 or melanie.ashford@uk.mcd.com



Easter Fun

During the Easter week-end the staff in the House organised an Easter egg hunt and a colouring competition for the children of the families staying with us. It was lots of fun and all the pictures are displayed in the day room. The winner of the colouring competition was Jamie Hastings. Well done Jamie!

Royal Party


We had our own Royal Wedding celebrations in the House on Friday 29th April with party food. The day before our volunteers spent all day making bunting for our Party which was held in the day room.

Craft Sessions

9th May sees the start of our Craft Sessions, thanks to the kind donation of equipment from Tony Hutchings and his team at Hobby Craft, Tamworth we are now able to offer this craft session to children and families.



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Fundraising

Every little helps and a little makes a big difference in the House. Many of you have been busy raising funds for us recently.

- **Mr Robinson:** celebrated his 60th birthday and asked all his friends and family to make donations to the House in lieu of presents. So far he has raised **£785**
- **Robert Bastridge** (The Bull pub): held a charity auction and raised **£2,044**
- Julie and the team from **McDonald's Fallings Park**, Wolverhampton held a race night and raised **£310**
- **Shrewsbury College:** level 3 childcare and education students raised **£174.05** by organising cake sales and raffle
- **Harris School**, Rugby: donated tea, coffee, sugar, washing up liquid after putting a note in the students newsletter
- **Craig Skinner:** held a 24 hour darts match on the 9th and 10th April



RFIB Golf Classic

On 29th March we held our second Golf Classic at the Menzies Welcombe Golf Club in Stratford. We were joined by Mr and Mrs Knowles whose family stayed with us, as well a couple of celebrities: ex Wolves and England International Footballer Steve Bull and ex England International Cricketer Gladstone Small. Adam Moseley, parent, gave a moving speech on what the house meant to him and his family. The event raised over £7,500! Thank you to everyone involved especially RFIB who sponsored the event. We have our date set for next year – **27th March 2012**. If you are interested in attending please contact Kay on: kay.hodgetts@uk.mcd.com.



Forthcoming Events

- **4th June:** Vertigo Challenge 1 - Zip slide, Manchester. More details can be found www.rmhc.org.co.uk/events
- **5th June:** Great Midlands Fun Run. We have 36 people taking part so far. If you are taking part please contact Kay with your t-shirt requests. Thanks to The Gym in Birmingham who gave Staci 6 months membership and a Trainer to help her prepare for the 8.5 miles.
- **18th June:** Vertigo Challenge 2 - Abseil National Lift Tower. www.rmhc.org.co.uk/events
- **9th July:** Birmingham Street Collection, are you free? Get in touch we really need lots of volunteers to assist with this collection.
- **19th November:** Annual Dinner – hot off the press we have just reserved this date at the ICC in Birmingham. An individual ticket will be £100 and £800 for a table of 10. More details coming soon...




Donations

As mentioned earlier we rely heavily on everyone's generosity to keep the cogs moving in the House. Below are some of the items that we are in need of and any donation no matter how small really does help us support all our families.

- Teabags, coffee, sugar or biscuits
- Cordial / squash
- Craft items
- Controllers for Nintendo, wii, PS or Xbox
- Snooker cues and tips for cues



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