



## Welcome to Ronald McDonald House Birmingham

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter. It's been a busy few months here at the House. Since opening we have helped over 2600 families and now have to operate a waiting list system! We have had an amazing few months with our families and supporters pulling together to help raise money towards the £500,000 annual running costs. No matter how small, every penny helps us to make a big difference; this includes all room key deposits as well as all our gifts in kind. There are too many to mention, but we really do appreciate all your support and generosity.



### Harry Wynn's Extravaganza

Peter and Julie Wynn stayed at the House recently. Them, along with family friend, Kevin Court, have been organising events to raise funds for the House. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September they held a get-together at the Bell Inn with an Auction and a Raffle. This was a fantastic night of fun where they raised a grand total of **£2401.00**. **£315.00** was raised from the impromptu decision by Nick Googan to have his hair shaved off! Well done guys and on behalf of everyone at our House in Birmingham THANKYOU

### Text to Donate

Donating has never been easier with the new 'text to donate' service, which makes giving to the charity simpler and easier than ever before. Ronald McDonald House Birmingham has been given its own specific code which is **BHAM11**. All donations sent to this code will go directly to our House.

**JustTextGiving™**  
by **vodafone**

If supporters want to give:

£

They text the message:

**BHAM11 £3**

To this number:

**70070**



### Keystone, Bryanston



Kim and the team have set themselves a target of **£1500.00** and have so far raised **£912.22!** Their most recent fundraiser was a cricket match organised by Tai Santhirakumar who was on the losing team. The Product Supply team beat them by 1 point. They had some fantastic raffle prizes kindly donated by Cadbury, Nestle, Noble Foods and gadgets.co.uk.



# Waitrose

Big thank you to the customers and staff at Waitrose in Lichfield and Wolverhampton who both recently nominated us as their Charity of the Month. Lichfield donated **£267.00** and Wolverhampton donated **£325.00**.



Sarah Russell and the team at Network are working hard towards raising **£5,000** for a room sponsorship here in the Birmingham House. They have so far held a carboot, Fishing Competition and presentation evening with more events planned. Well done guys keep up the good work and lets have some of those embarrassing photos .

## And there's more!

As you know every penny we receive makes a difference. Thank you to some more of our heroes:

- Simon Murphy recently ran the Great North Run raising over **£700.00** for the Birmingham House.
- We recently received a donation of **£500.00** from Hoyer UK Ltd.
- When Taliah and Alex McConville were baptised recently guests were asked to make donations in lieu of presents, which raised a total of **£500.00**.



- Ben Evans raised **£2,500** by cycling from London to Paris.
- Thank you to Sutton Coldfield Inner Wheel for their hospitality and their kind donation of **£25.00**.
- Clayton Village Primary School donated a fantastic **£236.00** following their fundraising.
- Welland Park Community College donated **£202.08** from holding fundraising events.
- Volunteers Mick and Matt attended the Vintage Car event at Mallory Park and collected **£182.00**.
- Staff from Franchised restaurants in Redditch held a masked Ball and raised **£800.00**.
- Joseph Prince raised **£1300.00** by cycling across the country.



10 year old Benn Clark from Tamworth took part in the GMFR in June. He raised over **£800.00** for both our House and the Children's Hospital. He visited the House recently so that he could see how his money helps the families here in the Birmingham House. Well done Benn.

## Can you help?

We are always looking for donations and this doesn't mean money, we can always make use of the following items so if you can help let us know:

- Items for raffles or event auction prizes for example gift sets, chocolates, bottles, hampers, vouchers.
- Games for our Wii console



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### Ronald McDonald House Birmingham Charity Dinner

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November we are holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charity Dinner. We will again be holding it at the ICC in Birmingham and still have a number of tickets available at £100 each or £800 for a table of 10. Entertainment on the evening will be provided by Stavros Flatley and Treyc Cohen. Phil Upton has agreed to join us and we hope to beat out £25,000 target set at last year's dinner. If you are unable to attend but would like to support the event with an Auction or Raffle prize please contact Kay Hodgetts on 0121 203 2005 or email her at [kay.hodgetts@uk.mcd.com](mailto:kay.hodgetts@uk.mcd.com).

### Coventry on Target

They shoot, they score!!! On the 13<sup>th</sup> September Alison Hawkes held a 5 a side Football tournament at the Sports Connexion Leisure Centre in Coventry. In total. The group raised a fantastic **£367.00** which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to the winners Osmaston Park Rd, Derby and runners up Rushall. Alison arranged for Ron Atkinson to present the trophies to the winners and the Runners up. Well done Alison and everyone who took part and Thank You for your continued support. Alison is now looking to organise a Netball Tournament at the same venue – anyone who is interested in entering a Team should contact Alison direct on [Alison.hawkes@uk.mcd.com](mailto:Alison.hawkes@uk.mcd.com)



### Helping Hand

The following businesses have been helping us recently by giving their time to help us keep the House in tip top condition for our families:

- Dan Simpson and the team at DSI came in recently and helped with some of the much needed maintenance in our families' bedrooms including the installation of our EVAC chair.
- Barclays in Coventry are currently renovating our playroom photos will be in the next edition.
- Fare Share have been generously donating food for our families.
- Gorges at the American Waffle Company provided us with two waffle machines and mix so that we can provide Waffles for our families on a Wednesday morning.

Thank you to everyone for all your help. You make all our families' stay better.




### Our Unsung Heroes

Our House relies heavily on our team of volunteers that come in on a regular basis. They help us with general housekeeping, organising Waffle Wednesdays and Tea and Toast on Tuesdays. If you have time on your hands and would like to help, please get in touch with Mel. On 0121 233 4502 or email her on [melanie.ashford@uk.mcd.com](mailto:melanie.ashford@uk.mcd.com).



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## Thank you Ball

We have already received a fantastic response to our call for raffle and auction prizes for our dinner in November. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we could still do with a couple more items for the raffle, if you can help contact Kay on 0121 203 2005 or email her on [kay.hodgetts@uk.mcd.com](mailto:kay.hodgetts@uk.mcd.com). Thank you to the following businesses in Solihull: House of Fraser for their **ladies gift set**, John Lewis for their **£50 voucher**, La Cruset for the **deluxe corkscrew**, DWELL for the gorgeous **£200 ornament**. Also thank you to M&S, Buyagift.com, Garlands, Carte Blanche and Trilogy.



In our auction we have received a Helicopter Ride donated by Ross McMillan and Cedar Homes, R&C Williams and HTM for the Limited Edition Titleist Golf Bag, Radio WM for their Live Premier League Experience, Network Maintenance Engineers for the UEFA Champions League Tickets and Hospitality, JD Parties for their table of 10 at their Christmas Party Event, Aston Villa FC for the framed shirt and tickets, Ashley Young for his signed shirt. A box at Aston Villa donated by Douglas Wright. Thank you so very much we will update you on the money we raise in the next edition.



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## BCFC Bucket Collection

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, volunteers from McDonald's Restaurants turned out in great number to help take part in our very first bucket collection at St Andrews. We had a fantastic response from the restaurants for our call for volunteers, in fact within 48 hours we had over 50 people who wanted to help!

As a result we collected **£1185.60** for our House. A BIG thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make this such a huge success.

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## Landau Forte Academy – Woodhouse

Well done to Alice and Leanne for organising a talent show at Landau Forte in Tamworth. They had 12 acts from not only their own school but from schools in the local area. They raised **£155.49**. Well done to all the helpers. Leanne Marsh – Organisation, Mike Hayers – Technical Support, Ms Tracey Tomes – Ordered Refreshments, organised float, coordinated front of house, Miss Heather Fox – Supervision on night, Harry Gravett – Designed posters, tickets, programmes & certificates, Emily Pugh, Lucy Knight, Jordan Hopkins, Lucy Gravett, Chloe Dowling, Harry Gravett, Will Trood – Front of house. Tom Stringer. host.



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## Case Studies



Would you be willing to share your story? We are looking for families who have stayed in the House and are willing to work with the Charity and tell the local / national media how using the House helped them. If you feel this is something you would be interested in please contact Libby on 0121 203 2003 or email [libby.aston@uk.mcd.com](mailto:libby.aston@uk.mcd.com)

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