

May at RMHC Richmond: Mission Accomplished Family Story, Superheroes in Action, Community Spotlight, Upcoming Events.



## ***Mission Accomplished*** **Family Story**

One Sunday afternoon in Fredericksburg, VA, TJ Hinton had a severe asthma attack in his home. His mother, Michelle, tried everything, but ultimately took him to the nearest Emergency Room. From there, he was transferred to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at VCU MCV in Richmond.

After TJ had stabilized in the PICU, a nurse told Michelle about the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms. After such an emotional tribulation with her son, it gave Michelle a safe and peaceful place to go for privacy and rejuvenation. "It was just what I needed. It gave me an opportunity...to take a shower, rest my head on a pillow, and have a good cry. I was able to regroup. And I was still able to be close to him."

Michelle and her family are no strangers to Ronald McDonald House Charities, as they've stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of Baltimore in the past. But in this situation, she had no interest in going anywhere outside of the hospital. "I wasn't going to leave my son's side."

TJ was discharged after two days of being in the PICU, and the Hintons were thrilled to take him home. "If you can't be home, it makes a big difference that there's still a caretaker, to still have that. Just to take a moment and regroup...It's a blessing that these places exist and that they're there for families."

Want to share your RMHC story with us? Email it to [house@rmhc-richmond.org](mailto:house@rmhc-richmond.org).

 **DONATE** | Your gift *has the power to keep families together*

## ***Superheroes in Action*** **Volunteer Highlights**

After retirement, Wayne Jennings decided it was time to give back to the community.

A lifelong lover of pizza, Wayne had spent years perfecting his pizza recipe. He stumbled upon the Meal Provider opportunity at the Ronald McDonald House of Richmond, and it sounded like the perfect fit.

And in fact it was; one year later, he's still a frequent chef in our expansive kitchen, tossing dough and testing out new pizza toppings. "It's a win-win for me. I love making pizza and really enjoy seeing others appreciate it."



### **Meet our April Meal Providers**

HandsOn Greater Richmond · Red Shoe Crew · VCU Pre-Med Society · Kiara Powell · Christ the King Lutheran Church · Wayne Jennings · Grove Avenue Baptist Church · Dominion Packaging · Erin Sturgis · Hermitage Enterprises · Danielle & Deon Wilkins · The Hermitage at Cedarfield · Wells Fargo · Starbucks · CJ's Thumbs Up Foundation · Downtown Cooking Club · Abigail Wood · Hermitage Enterprises · The Ochsenhirt Family · Linda Huennekens · Sarah & Lee Rattigan · Olive Branch Baptist Church · Nancy & Joe Kunkel · McDonald's · Altria · Orchard House · The Kostelecky Family · LC Bird Interact Club

Become a volunteer by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator,  
Rachel Marsh, at [rachel@rmhc-richmond.org](mailto:rachel@rmhc-richmond.org).

 **VOLUNTEER** | Make a *difference in the lives of families we serve*

## ***Community Spotlight*** **News & Announcements** **Show the Lovin' #forRMHC**

Great news! There is a fun new way to show your lovin' #forRMHC. Just visit a McDonald's from May 1st through 10th and make a gift of \$1, \$3, or \$5 to support the many families with seriously ill children that RMHC serves. Then write your name on your paper heart and add it to the display.

And to show the world just how much lovin' #forRMHC is out there, post a picture of your paper heart with the hashtag to encourage your friends and family to join in the fun. Thank you to our greater Richmond area McDonald's restaurants for showing their lovin' #forRMHC!



**visit your local restaurant**

**choose your donation amount**

**share the lovin' #forRMHC**

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### Major Gifts (April 1 - April 30)

#### Monetary Gifts over \$1,000

- CapTrust Foundation
- Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
- Local Schools & Government Campaign
- Max Construction
- Midlothian Sam's Club
- Richmond McDonald's Co-Operative
- Victory Christian Academy

#### In-Kind Donations valued over \$1,000

- Direct Buy (*headboards*)

*To provide resources for families to keep their children healthy and happy, RMHC relies on the generosity of hundreds of donors. To learn more about our greatest needs, please contact Allison*

 GET INVOLVED | Help us *help* even more *families in need*

## Upcoming Events

### Kings Dominion Discounts

**ONGOING** - The fun begins! Discount tickets (valid Mar 29 - Oct 31) for Kings Dominion are available online at [kingsdominion.com](http://kingsdominion.com). Enter the promo code: RMHCOR4 to receive your discount and a percentage of the sale will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond.



### Lovin' #forRMHC

**MAY 1 - 10** - We know our supporters have the biggest hearts! Help families of RMHC find strength by purchasing a \$1, \$3, or \$5 heart at a participating McDonald's as a part of the Lovin' #forRMHC campaign. All hearts purchased in the Greater Richmond area will directly benefit Richmond's Ronald McDonald House.



### Shop for a Cause at Sara Campbell

**TONIGHT!** - Shopping, sips, & bites just in time for Mother's Day! Join us at [Sara Campbell](http://SaraCampbell.com) from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and 10% of your purchase total will be donated to RMHC Richmond. Shop for a Cause will continue on Friday, May 8th if you can't make it to Thursday night's party.

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[www.saracampbell.com](http://www.saracampbell.com)



### Save the Date

**SEMPTEMBER 21 & 22** - The Red Shoe Rendezvous, our annual two-day fundraiser is just around the corner. Mark your calendars. We'll be in a new location this year! [Read more](#).

## Our Mission:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond creates a home-away-from-home and supportive community for families of sick or injured children receiving specialized treatment at local hospitals.

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