The Volunteer Fund

November 1, 2018

Dear Fellow RMHC Richmond Meal Volunteer,

It was a job that first brought John and me to Richmond. Eleven years ago, we moved to the East Coast and established our home with our two toddlers, Sophie and Ethan, in Chesterfield County.

Today, our family decides together how to make charitable contributions -- and have chosen to strongly support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond. We hope that you will consider doing the same through this year's Volunteer Fund.

When we first arrived in Richmond, we didn't have much of a support system – no family, only a few casual friends. We were blessed that our children remained by-and-large healthy, but to this day, we can understand and empathize with families facing medical challenges without kind, caring support.

About a-year-and-a-half ago, we applied to become Meal Volunteers at RMHC Richmond. It's one of the things that both of my teenagers are excited to do as a family. We connected with the mission of the organization and also began helping with other special projects for the House and the families being served there.

This year, as volunteers, we have a set a goal of covering the cost of room fees for the House's most popular guest room, the Library, the only room with handicapped accessibility and a private bathroom. Did you know that in 2017, we received an average of less than $2 a night in room fees from families staying at the House? A gift of $15.00 would cover a family's one night fee to stay in the Library. A gift of $105.00 would cover one week.

Our family is **offering to match the first $25 of each individual gift given to the Volunteer Fund this year, up to $500 in total matching funds. Please give, and help us maximize our impact together!**

Sincerely,

Peggy Taylor & the Taylor Family, RMHC Richmond Volunteers

You can donate online at www.rmhc-richmond.org, by mailing or dropping off your donation at 2330 Monument Avenue Richmond, VA 23220, or by phone. Just call (804) 355-6517 and make sure to mention you're contributing to the Volunteer Fund!