



Ronald McDonald House
of Cleveland, Inc.



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House Update

September 6, 2005

19th Annual Familia Previews Fall Fashions

Join us for Familia XIX on Saturday, September 17th at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven for an exciting fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue. Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. with Wilma Smith, News Anchor-Fox 8, WJW-TV, as our Honorary Hostess. We will preview the breathtaking fall fashions introduced by Saks Fifth Avenue and modeled by local Cleveland celebrities, as well as enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Executive Caterers. The silent auction and raffle include a weekend get-a-way to Sanibel, Florida, a ride on the Good Year Blimp, a week long stay at a vacation home in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and many other wonderful items. Ticket prices are only \$60. Don't miss out on this great event. Please contact Shelley Santin, Events Coordinator, at ssantin@rmhcleveland.org.

House in the Driver Seat of New Van

Lee and Jane Seidman are long time supporters of Ronald McDonald House. For years, they donated the use of a van from their Motorcars dealership in Cleveland Heights. This donation has been extremely important as it allows us to transport families to the drug store for vital prescriptions for their child, to the grocery store to purchase special foods that meet restricted dietary requirements, to events that provide much needed respite and to the hospital when they need to get there quickly. Recently, the Seidmans decided to make a financial contribution to the House that would allow us to purchase outright a new Pontiac Montana van. This donation ensures that we will continue to meet the transportation needs of the families at the House for years



Pyramid Accounting Presents *A Night at Ferrante Winery*

Pyramid Accounting is holding an event on Wednesday, September 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Ferrante Winery in Geneva. Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. Tickets are \$65 each, before September 10, and \$70 at the door, and include appetizers, dinner, dessert, coffee and a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes. There will also be a cash bar. The evening will feature live music, including special appearances at 6 p.m. by Lauren Hull, Debbie West, Keith Branham and Adam Secor. From 7-9 p.m. The Girls (Anna Hollingsworth, Brittaney Scalise and Carrie Vieweg) will perform. If you like the Dixie Chicks, you will love The Girls! Join us for fantastic food, wonderful wines and enjoyable entertainment. Call the Ronald McDonald House at 216-229-5757 for tickets.

to come. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Seidman for this extremely generous donation!

Tools for Today and Tomorrow Conference

Because last year's conference was so well received, a second Tools for Today and Tomorrow Conference will be held on Thursday, October 20th at the Cole Center at Cleveland State University. Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland is proud to be part of an unprecedented partnership that has been formed to provide access to resources for families with children who have a child with a chronic illness or disability. This daylong conference will provide workshops on legal matters, financial issues, medical and educational advocacy and family relationships. The cost is only \$25 per person or \$50 for professionals who require continuing education credit. Please go to www.toolsfortoday.org for more information on this very special conference.



The National Association of Women in Construction brought hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings for a great barbeque for the House. A visit from Ronald McDonald and presents for all the children made it a memorable evening for our families.

Fabulous Friends

Thanks to the following groups for their contributions to Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland:

The **Westside Friends Chapter** for raising over \$13,000 at their second annual and the **Lake County Friends Chapter** for raising over \$7,000 at their first annual Fore! the House nighttime golf events.

Garrettsville Summerfest Committee for donating \$2,600 from their first annual Summerfest event.

Bob Hufgard and our friends at **Food for Thought** for preparing and delivering a delicious home-cooked dinner for families to enjoy every month.

Randy Carver at Carver Financial Services for donating \$650 from a client golf outing and a family pass to the USS Cod.

Case Serves! for bringing twenty incoming Freshman to the House to work on projects in the garden and help make the House sparkle for our families.

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The Mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Inc. is to support families whose children are receiving treatment at area medical centers by providing a home-like environment and essential resources and services.

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