Fox 17 Presents the 28th Annual Calls for Kids Telecast!

Mark Your Calendar and tune in Saturday, April 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. as WZTV Fox 17 hosts the Calls for Kids Telecast. Look for Stacy Case, Scott Couch, Erika Kurre, Tori Yates-Orr and other exciting on-air personalities as they host the Telecast and help us reach our goal of raising $125,000. The three-hour Telecast will include both live and taped interviews with families, donors and community supporters as well as several video segments that will give viewers a much closer look at our House and Family Room and all of the ways we help families of critically-ill children.

The Telecast is our best and biggest opportunity to highlight our mission, the families who benefit from our programs, and the companies, individuals and organizations that fund our programs each year. The money raised helps support the 32-bedroom Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald Family Room located in the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. These programs have provided over 15,000 families with all the comforts of home at the Nashville Ronald McDonald House and more than 400,000 individuals have visited our Family Room.

You can be a part of this event by tuning in and calling 615-322-7900 or 866-766-9933, pre-raising funds as a VIP or donating online at rmhc-nashville.com. Donations may also be made by becoming a “Minute Match” Sponsor and agreeing to match one to 25 minutes of the Telecast with donations of $1,000 per minute.

For our supporters who are outside the Fox 17 broadcast area, you can go online this year and watch the Telecast live on www.Fox17.com. If you enjoy keeping up with social media, you can also follow us on either Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@rmhcna) for all of the latest updates! Don’t forget to tune in and hear the stories of the children and their families who call our House their “home-away-from-home” during such a stressful time. We sincerely hope that you’ll keep us in your heart by continuing to help RMHC of Nashville in “keeping families close.”

Meet two of the families we’re highlighting on this year’s Telecast...

Scott and Elizabeth Massey, have spent over 4 months away from their daughter, friends, family and jobs in Milan, TN to be by their daughter’s side. Charlotte, was born in December 2017 with a neuro tube defect.

The James Family, from Benton, KY, made our House their home while 6-year-old Kendall received treatment for cancer. Kendall was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer in January 2017 and has spent over 2/2 nights at the House while receiving treatment.

DONATE TODAY BY VISITING: www.rmhc-nashville.com/event calls-for-kids-telecast/

Hustle For the House
16th Annual Golf Tournament
April 16, 2018
Golf Ball Roundup
April 14, 2018
Spring into 2018 with our Events
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Mark Your Calendars for These Important Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 15*: The 8th Annual Hustle for the House 5K & Kathy Dupree 1 Mile Fun Run will take place. Hundreds of participants will be running and walking to support our programs. Registration for the family friendly, certified and chip-timed course will start in the Nashville Ronald McDonald House is $25 for the 5K or 5k Runner, $15 for the 1 Mile Fun Run. Bring Kids along for just $10!

Monday, October 8*: The 23rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Hillwood Country Club. Golfers will enjoy a putting green, an event to refreshments as well as breakfast, lunch, a cocktail reception with dinner and a silent auction.

Friday, November 2*: The 3rd Annual Music City Sporting Clays Tournament in association with Kids and Clays Foundation will be held at the Nashville Gun Club. Registration includes ammunition, exclusive shotgun gift, a delicious lunch, and a cocktail-awards reception.

Third Party Events*
Third party events are hosted by companies, organizations and individuals in the community who select RMHC of Nashville as the beneficiary for events they organize. If you’re interested in planning a third party event, we’d love to hear from you! Give us a call or visit our website for details.

Friday, May 4: Josie Mazze Children’s Charities 13th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at GamesToPlay Golf Club in Dickson, TN with a portion of the proceeds to benefit RMHC of Nashville. Visit www.josiemazze.com for more information.

Saturday, May 5: 15th Annual Race for Jordan will be held rain or shine at Cordell Hull Dam in Carthage, TN. Register for the 5K Run/Walk or the Kids 1 Mile Fun Run at jordankettefoundation.org.

Wednesday, May 9: Big Bips for Little Kids Golf Tournament will be held at the Hermitage Golf Course. Organized by members of the Tennessee Trucking Association and always a great event with registration available at tntrucking.org.

Monday, August 27: Trane will host an Annual Golf Scramble at the Clarkson Country Club to benefit RMHC of Nashville. More details to come!

*For More Information and to Register: 615-343-4000 or www.rmhc-nashville.com/event

Hold onto your calendars and mark your calendars for these events!
Welcome Kita!

We’re pleased to introduce you to our newest team member, Kita Davis. Kita joined us in November as a part-time Evening House Manager and has recently been promoted to full-time. Kita earned a bachelor’s degree in Social Work from Tennessee State University and has a genuine passion for working with families and helping others. When she’s not assisting families & volunteers or providing evening management over the House, she enjoys reading and spending time with family. Next time you’re at the House, stop by to say hello!

Show Your Support in a RMHC of Nashville Shirt!

Show your support by purchasing our new softstyle cotton t-shirts! Shirts may be purchased & picked up at the House (cash or check only) and are available in the 3 colors pictured. We can’t ship so make sure to stop by when you’re in our neighborhood! All t-shirt proceeds benefit our programs.

PRICES (includes sales tax)
$14.00: S, M, L, & XL
$18.00: XXL

Why Your Donation Matters

Your gift to RMHC of Nashville allows us to keep families close by providing essential resources for a “home-away-from-home” for families of critically ill children receiving inpatient or outpatient care at Nashville area hospitals. Our annual budget is more than $1,300,000 per year, and 100% of our program and operational funding is raised through the community from individuals, corporations, private foundations and organizations.

There are many ways you can help to help families in need, and we appreciate every donation! You can donate online to our various programs at www.rmhc.nashville.com by mail at Ronald McDonald House Charities Nashville, 2164 Fairways Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212. If you have questions or want more information, feel free to contact us by phone, at 615-343-4000, or via email at info@rmhc.nashville.com.

Because there are so many ways to invest in our programs, we highlight different ways to give in each of our House Notes newsletters. Below are three options:

Legacy Planning

With your big heart and a little planning, you can help us bring hope and to sick children and their families for years to come. The power to strengthen and keep families together is in your hands. Planned giving is a great way to make a more significant gift than you can even imagine, without sacrificing income or security for your own future. Below are several ways you can help through planned gifts:

- Donate gift of stock
- Include us as a beneficiary of your will / retirement policy / insurance policy
- Become a Corporate Partner!

Whether it’s through monetary gifts, in-kind donations or volunteering, our corporate sponsors have been a vital part of helping us deliver comfort and care to children and their families. We tailor partnerships to meet the goals of each corporate donor while also maintaining the mission of providing the comforts of home to families with sick children. Not only do corporate partners help fund our programs and services, they provide RMHC of Nashville the gift of their time, products and expertise.

Gift of Togetherness

By giving the Gift of Togetherness, you will be providing your loved ones with the opportunity to truly make a difference with the gift that keeps on giving. There are many ways you can commemorate a special day that you’ll always remember:

- For your birthday, request that your family and friends make a donation in your name in lieu of a present.
- For your anniversary, make a donation in your loved one’s name.
- For your wedding or other party, make a donation in your guests names in lieu of a traditional favor.

Meet Adorable Addi

Spunky, seven-year-old, Addison (Addi) Gatlin, stayed with us at the Ronald McDonald House in 2014 while receiving her first round of treatments for a rare brain tumor. Unfortunately, the tumor returned in 2017 and Addi returned to the House with both her Grandmother and Great Grandmother so she could receive outpatient treatments at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Addi brightened each day at the House with her energetic personality and funny stories about her pet rooster “Punky” and adventures with her Papaw. On days she felt well, Addi spent as much time as she could with Sadie and playing games with the staff and volunteers. After 52 nights at the House, she returned to her home in Toney, Alabama, to be with her friends in Ms. Music’s kindergarten class.

Addi and her Grandmothers still travel to Nashville for treatment once a month and they always make sure they make time to stop by the House to see the staff and her favorite Passivity Officer, Sadie. During her last visit, Addi was proud to present us with a donation from school mates at Johnson Elementary who held a coin drive to benefit RMHC of Nashville in her honor!

While we are glad we can serve as a “home-away-from-home” for families when they need us most, we are always thrilled to say farewell to families heading home to return to their lives. Of course, we’ll always be here should you need us again.

Love Letters – From Our Families

“Thank you for making a very stressful time as easy as possible.

All our needs were met, and all the donations from ‘toiletries and snacks to meals and gift bags’ were such blessings. It does my heart good to know that there are wonderful people who all come and support such a wonderful charity. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your hospitality and to my husband and me.”

– Family from Carthage, TN

“They are amazing in every way. The staff was wonderful. I will be back just for a visit this time.”

– Family from Lexington, TN

One Boy’s Continuing Journey

37 years ago, Jonah Davis was born missing a vital chamber in his heart, which caused life-threatening respiratory issues. His condition required multiple surgeries over a period of 3 years, which is when the Davis Family was first introduced to the Ronald McDonald House. Unfortunately, the surgeries were unsuccessful and it was decided that Jonah would need a new heart.

In 2005, at just 5 years old, Jonah was placed on the heart transplant list. Six months later, a heart became available. The Davis family traveled from their home in Chariton, Tennessee to Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt for Jonah’s heart transplant.

When Jonah was released from the hospital, the Davis’ called one of our long-term suites home for 2 months. Jonah spent his time at the House playing video games, doing crafts with the Ronald staff, and spending time with his wonderfully supportive family.

Fast forward 10 years. Jonah, now 15, began to experience the same respiratory issues and doctors knew that he would soon need another heart transplant. In October of 2017, after anxiously waiting over a year and a half, Jonah received his second “new” heart and his family stayed at the House for another 35 nights during his recovery. In all, the Davis called the Ronald McDonald House their “home-away-from-home” for over 300 nights since 2001.

We are happy to report that Jonah is doing great with his new heart and even has developed a taste for oranges, something that he hated before.

Jonah enjoys playing with his dog, Chuck Norris and cat, Zhou, making homemade pizzas and practicing the accordion. He hopes to one day be a pediatric nurse so that he can help kids just like him.

Show Your Support… Love From Our Families