



HEART BEATS

For individuals who are the very **HEART** of the organization — our volunteers!

March 2011

Join us for a night of adventure!



The 2nd Annual Taste of Adventure: Outdoor Auction and Benefit Banquet will take place at **4 p.m. March 12 at Remington's Entertainment Complex.**

"Taste of Adventure" will include a full banquet dinner of wild game prepared by six different local restaurants. The evening will also include a silent and live auction as well as an adventure expo. The auctions will be full of equipment and trips for any outdoor excursion and the expo will include technique demonstrations and equipment training for all to enjoy and hopefully learn from!

All of these elements combined are sure to make an exciting



evening for every outdoor enthusiast!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Ronald McDonald House® invite you to be a part of this great evening! Tickets are only \$50 and can be purchased by calling 417-875-3505.

If you would like more information about volunteering, call the Ronald McDonald House front office at 875-3501.

For more information, visit the Taste of Adventure Web site at



www.tasteofadventure.org

Live Auction

Here's a sampling of some of the items up for grabs in this year's live auction:

- Yellowstone Valley Lodge Getaway for four people, five nights



- One week at Hacienda Del Mar in Cabo, Mexico



- Bass Fishing Trip on the Arkansas Kings River for two people with guide service





*From the
staff*

*Well, February has
come and gone, and
the annual Share a
Heart campaign has
drawn to a close. We'd
like to thank
everyone who helped
with this year's
campaign including all
our volunteers, all who
purchased hearts and
all of our sponsors:
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HEART OF THE HOUSE

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Scott Aduddell
Oana Bozek
Martha Brooks
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Emily Campbell
Vivian Carissimo
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Shane Clark
Eveyn Close
Taylor Coleman
Heather Cottle-Dillon
Hannah Cryer
Bethany Davis
Jan Dooly
Judy Duncan
Bill Duplisse
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Sarah Hammer

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Laura Harrelson
Mackenzie Harrelson
Chris Herman
Jennifer Houston
Carri Hummer
Jessi Hummer
Sarah Jemison
Kathy Jenkins
Brandon Jenson
Jim Jones
Clayton Keller
Crosby Keller
Kennedy Keller
Savannah Keller
Sharon Key
Emily Kissinger
Kate Kissinger
Lilly Kissinger
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Dani Peterson
Lora Pope
Kay Prost
Sharon Redmon
Linda Regan
Cliff Ricketts
Jan Ricketts
Catherine Rucker
Anthony Saitta
Joan Schroeder
Anne Schubert
Susan Selsor
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New addition to RMH family

Ronald McDonald House Manager Donnetta, Todd and Big Brother Brady welcomed baby **Addyson Mayse Ghys** into their family at 8:27 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

Addy weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20³/₄ inches long. The Ghys family would like to thank everyone for their support, love and prayers.

Welcome back Donnetta and congratulations to the entire Ghys family!



Our thoughts and prayers

We continue to be saddened by the passing of Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Shane Clark on February 10. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Shane's family, as well as the light of his life, Staci Holland.

As the designated charity of memorial gifts for Shane, the Ronald McDonald House has been and will continue to be significantly blessed by many thoughtful tributes to Shane and by the memories of a very special person.

meal groups

February

Ackfeld Family
Aduddell Family
Christ Church Unity
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS
City of Nixa
Coda Culture Interpreting Services
Combs Productions
Eckels Family

Evergreen Baptist Church
Glendale Character Council
Glendale Christian Church
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
Home Depot
Hood United Methodist
Just Friends
Knights of Columbus
Knights Templar

Mendell Family
Operation Give Back
Julie Pappenfort & Friends
Republic FCCLA
Second Baptist Church
Southeast Mom's Club
The Girlfriends
Union Hill Church of Christ
Wal-Mart of Nixa

happy birthday!

March 05
Shellie Gibson

March 11
Taylor Parks
Anthony Saitta

March 14
Randi Villines

March 17
Meg Erickson

March 18
Zachary Smith

March 30
Pete Emberton

March 31
Lilly Kissinger



Volunteer spotlight



Meet **Cheri Ledesma**, mom to two teenage daughters, a foreign exchange student and Fluffy the poodle — and RMH volunteer for almost a year now.

"As my kids grew up I wanted something to do while they were at school," says Cheri. "I really enjoy getting to know the families."

Cheri's mission as a volunteer is to keep the kitchen floor clean, and we've all seen her in there with her mop a time or two. "I just want the kitchen to be in the best shape for when families come down to eat," she says.

Cheri loves spending time at the House each week. "I just feel very thankful," she says.

We are thankful for Cheri!

AROUND THE HOUSE

Snowflake Social

The annual Snowflake Social was held on Feb. 15 at the home of Bonnie & Clayton Keller. The event may have been delayed a few weeks because of weather, but everyone still had a wonderful time enjoying good food and good friends. Thanks to all who participated.



Grateful family thanks Ronald McDonald House

Dear Ronald McDonald House,
My husband and I would like to thank all of you for everything you have done for us in our time of need. Having a place to stay where we could be closer to our baby truly helped us get through our situation so much easier. The RMH family, staff & volunteers have been so kind and welcoming to us, and for that and everything else you have done for us, we thank you with all our hearts. You all have made this stressful time in our lives a little easier to get through. We will absolutely recommend your caring home to anyone else may need it!



11th annual Rotary event planned for April 15-16

The 11th annual Rotary Rock'n Ribs BBQ Festival takes place April 15-16 at Bass Pro Shops in Springfield. This annual event has raised more than \$150,000 for the Tooth Truck™ in the last eight years.

As always, volunteers are needed to help in at the entrance gates on Friday and Saturday both during the day and evening. We also need help setting up and cleaning on April 14 and 17. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please see the volunteer sign-up sheets at the Ronald McDonald House and on the Tooth Truck. Volunteers must be 21 years of age to participate.

Rock'n Ribs is a Kansas City BBQ Society Sanctioned event with more than 60 teams that will compete in chicken, pork and beef categories. The event includes live music, sampling for attendees, a kids play zone, a motorcycle show, a rock climbing wall and much more!

During the past ten years, Rock'n Ribs has raised more than \$850,000 for agencies that serve "Children of the Ozarks," including Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®, Ozark Trails Council – Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, The Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and Ozarks Regional YMCA. The funding is used to provide specific programs and services to disadvantaged and at-risk children.

Wish List for Pediatric Kitchen at St. John's

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Snack-sized chip bags | Individual child snacks |
| Peanut butter crackers | Individual packages of cookies |
| Individual microwave meals | Drinks |
| Packaged fruit cups | Baby Food |
| Individual applesauce | Individual Child Snacks |



Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks

January 2011

Number of Families	26
Number of People Served	59
Number of Nights	364
Number of Missouri Families	20
Number of Families From Other States	6



Kid's Clothes Closet

January 2011

Number of Visits	34
Total Visits in 2011	34
Children Served in 2011	33

Wish List

- \$15 Payless Shoe Gift Cards
- Fall Clothing
- Children's Pajamas
- Teen Undergarments
- New Toddler Boy Clothing
- New Teen Girl Clothing
- New Teen Boy Clothing

tooth talk



A pot o'gold waits at the end of every appointment

Part-time Dental Assistant Sarah Cartwright shares a festive St. Patrick-themed account of recent fun on the Tooth Truck.

Saint Patrick was an Englishman kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in 4th Century **Ireland**. Upon escaping captivity, he spent more than 20 years helping the needy through charitable work, such as building schools and monasteries throughout Ireland. **March 17** commemorates his death.

Just like **Saint Patrick**, the Tooth Truck **leprechauns** have been very busy reaching out to little patients in need. Everyone seems to have the **Irish fever!** We have been **lucky** enough to have **plenty o' patients** to meet, leaving us feeling as **lucky** as **four-leaf clovers**. One young **lad**, Christian, from Mark Twain Elementary, wasn't scared a **wee bit** about getting his teeth fixed up. **Charming** Christian was diagnosed with 11 cavities, four of which needed crowns. He wanted to know if we could give him **gold** teeth! While Christian did not go home with a **gold** tooth, he does have a **heart o' gold** and a winning new smile with a total of \$2,974 in dental treatment provided by the Tooth Truck **leprechauns**.

All of our little **fairies** were lucky enough to choose a prize



Above: Dr. Sarah Cimino and Dental Assistant Laura Polocoser celebrate Owen's final appointment on the Tooth Truck. He displays the prize he selected from the **pot o'gold**.

Below left: Office Manager Davina Easter and McGregor student Madison are silly over their beautiful smiles. **Below right:** Dental Assistant Sarah Cartwright celebrates **shamrock** fun with York patients Levi and Kayla. Together they had 15 cavities and received nearly \$3,000 in dental treatment.



out of the **pot o'gold**. After picking out a **magical** prize, many could be seen doing the **Shamrock Shimmy** all the way back to class. These little **fairies** are sure to have a lasting, positive impression of their time on the Tooth Truck.



An Old Irish Blessing —

"May your thoughts be as glad as **shamrocks**. May your heart be as light as song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long."

Welcome Linda!

The Tooth Truck staff is excited to welcome **Linda Heslin** to our amazing volunteer program.

Linda is very familiar with the dental field as she worked as a dental hygienist for 16 years.

After spending time at home with her two boys, Linda wanted to get involved in the community and found the Tooth Truck a great fit for her talents.



We are thrilled to welcome Linda to our program!

Volunteers: Your updated contact information is needed

Attention all volunteers (Tooth Truck and Ronald McDonald House: this is a friendly reminder to please update your contact information with the front office if you've changed your phone number, email address or mailing address.

We love to communicate with you so we need your correct information. Thanks so much!

HEART OF THE TRUCK

Rosalyn Anderson
Chelsea Carroll
Pete Emberton
Molly Hague
Linda Heslin
Debbie Parman

Cassie Pirrone
Agaytha Pryer
Amy Richards
Angela Rodgers
Heather Toney
Drew Watkins

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of the Ozarks

WISH LIST

- Handheld games
 - Toys for boys
- DVDs for older children
 - Large umbrella
 - Rubber bracelets
- Gas cards
- Wal-Mart gift cards for supplies
- Large, clear plastic storage bins with lids



Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of the Ozarks

January 2011

Children treated

61

Dental Appointments Provided

192

Year-to-Date Dental Appointments

192

Program-to-Date
Dental Appointments

29,119

Children Who Received Treatment

McGregor Elementary
Salvation Army

Staff

Program Director

Mindy Muñoz

General Dentist

Dr. Sarah Cimino

Temporary Dentists

Dr. Bill Brell, Pediatric Dentist

Dr. Aaron Dannegger

Dr. Tom Hoff

Dr. Craig Maxwell

Dr. Doug Smith

Dr. Wade Wheeler

President & CEO

Bonnie Keller

Office Manager

Davina Easter

Dental Assistants

Laura Polocoser

Megan Lambert

Part-Time Dental Assistant

Sarah Cartwright

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

Each shift is three hours

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 12 JS/CL 3 BL/GL 6 SG/JD	2 9 CR/AG 12 EC/JD 3 6	3 9 MS/CR 12 JB/JR 3 6	4 9 AG 12 AM 3 SW/DK 6	5 9 KT/KT/ME 12 3 SS/SJ/MK 6
6 9 12 BS 3 JS 6	7 9 MB 12 JR 3 6	8 9 12 JS/CL 3 BL/GL 6 SG/JD	9 9 CR/AG 12 EC/JD 3 6 DS/DE	10 9 MS/CR 12 JB/JR 3 6	11 9 AG 12 AM 3 SW/DK 6	12 9 KT/KT/ME 12 3 SS/SJ 6
13 9 12 BS 3 JS 6	14 9 DP/MB 12 AS/JR 3 6	15 9 12 JS/CL 3 BL/GL 6 SG/JD	16 9 CR/AG 12 EC/JD 3 6 AG/SE	17 9 MS/CR 12 JB/JR 3 KR 6 MW	18 9 AG 12 AM 3 SW 6	19 9 12 3 SJ 6
20 9 12 BS 3 JS 6	21 9 DP 12 AS/JR 3 6	22 9 12 JS/CL 3 BL/GL 6 SG/JD	23 9 CR/AG 12 EC/JD 3 6 AG/DS/SE	24 9 MS/CR 12 JR 3 KR 6	25 9 AG 12 AM 3 SW 6	26 9 12 3 SJ 6
27 9 12 BS 3 JS 6	28 9 MB 12 AS/JR 3 6	29 9 12 JS/CL 3 BL/GL 6 SG/JD	30 9 CR/AG 12 EC/JD 3 6	31 9 MS/CR 12 JR 3 KR 6 JB		



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