



AKRON

www.rmhakron.org

Care Cables

Spring 2009

Ronald McDonald House of Akron's Newsletter to Friends

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States. 300,000 people collapse and die from sudden cardiac arrest each year.

The State of Ohio AED Initiative

Dr. Terry Gordon is a man on a mission. In November, 2000, he was a busy cardiologist in Akron, Ohio, who was also the president of the Summit County American Heart Association. A tragic incident changed his life, and the lives of many others, forever.

During the fall of 2000, 15-year-old Josh Miller ran off the football field in Barberton, Ohio, collapsed and died of cardiac arrest. At that time, there was no AED (automated external defibrillator) available at his school. A few months later, Dr. Gordon served on a panel with Ken Miller, Josh's father. After seeing the toll Josh's death took on his family and the community,

Dr. Gordon realized that he possessed the unique skill set needed to make a real difference. As a father of four, he could empathize; as a cardiologist, he could see a solution in AEDs; and as a talented speaker (he performed in community theater while in college), he was a compelling advocate who could command attention.

Using these gifts along with an uncommon passion, he began speaking about the need for AEDs to anyone who would listen: school board meetings, PTA meetings, service groups. Through his relentless work, and with the help of the Summit County American Heart Association, by 2002 he had placed AEDs in every middle school and high school in Summit County. By 2005, he had assisted in placing AEDs in every police, highway patrol and sheriff's vehicle in Summit County—significant, because they are frequently first responders to emergencies. In 2007, Dr. Gordon

hit two milestones: through a five million dollar legislative grant (which he spearheaded in the state of Ohio), 4,400 AEDs were placed in schools throughout Ohio, from kindergarten to high school, and he retired from his practice as a cardiologist. The day he completed the State of Ohio initiative, he was approached by U.S. Congresswoman Betty Sutton to create a national program similar to that of Ohio. The Josh Miller HEARTS Act (Helping Everyone Access Responsive Treatment in Schools) has been reintroduced by Congresswoman Sutton. Once it passes, it will establish a grant program for AEDs in elementary and secondary schools, along with training. On December 18, 2008, Congresswoman Sutton and Dr. Terry Gordon presented an AED donated by Akron General Medical Center in honor of the congresswoman to the Ronald McDonald House of Akron. This donation was solicited by RMH board member Don McCardle.

continued inside



Congresswoman Sutton and Dr. Terry Gordon presented an AED donated by Akron General Medical Center in honor of the congresswoman to the Ronald McDonald House of Akron.

The Ronald McDonald House Welcomes

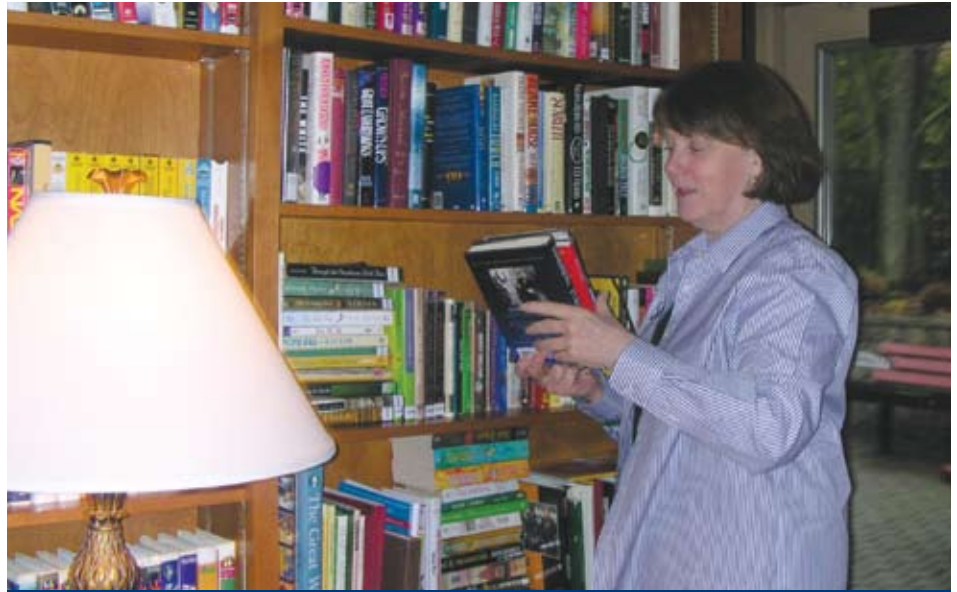
New Resident Manager Anne Collins

On November 17, 2008, the Ronald McDonald House of Akron began a new chapter with the hiring of Resident Manager Anne Collins.

Anne was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, and attended school in this area. She came to us with many years of experience in the manufacturing industry – most recently, she was employed with Home Health Care Company and Nazareth Housing. Highly experienced with volunteering and community outreach, Anne has spent time working with The Christ Child Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Info Line and the homeless. All of this has prepared her for the challenge of managing staff, volunteers and residents at RMH.

Anne was one of over 80 applicants for the Resident Manager’s job. In speaking with Donna Early and Mary Yanko from the RMH Board of Trustees, there were a number of reasons why Anne was a good fit for this job. Aside from her business, not-for-profit, and managerial experience, they noticed the personality traits she possessed that are necessary for being successful in this type of work: she was very professional, a good listener, and able to handle delicate situations. It didn’t hurt that she came highly recommended.

After being in the position of Resident Manager for four months, Anne says her biggest surprise has been the need to totally immerse herself in all aspects of the House. “I understand better the definite need to live on the premises,



As Resident Manager of RMHA, Anne Collins’ mission is to uphold the integrity of the house as well as make the community aware of what an asset RMH is.

and I am pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoy living here.” She feels that the transition into this position has been a “work in progress,” but it has also been a rich learning experience.

Her time working with people is apparent in her perspective about the house’s mission: Anne and the staff at RMH’s main concerns are the residents. “All the other things don’t mean much if the residents’ needs and concerns are not met with compassion and caring. Maintaining the integrity of the house is number one.” Another part of that mission, says Anne, is to facilitate more community involvement with the house and to make the community aware of what an asset RMH is.

Anne comes to the house when it is facing a number of challenges. As a house of 25 years, there are

a number of renovations, both large and small, which are being considered. Probably the largest is the prospect that Ronald McDonald House may need to expand at some point to accommodate the growing need at Akron Children’s Hospital. This leads to another challenge that Anne has identified and has been working on: opening the lines of communication with the hospital in order to better collaborate with them.

Looking forward, Anne reflects upon the greater economic concerns of the country as Ronald McDonald House changes with the growth of Children’s Hospital. But there will always be a need for RMH in the community, and as Anne says, “Regardless of how we grow, we will grow, and I hope to be a part of assuring the future and making a difference.”

A Message From Our President

Thus far, the year 2009 has proven to be a year filled with uncertainty and challenge. The declining economy, the increased jobless rate and the unpredictability of the future impact us all. These are turbulent times.

Despite all the challenges we are facing, the bricks that are the foundation of the RMH of Akron still remain solid. We are blessed with a committed Board of Directors, steadfast to fulfill the mission of providing a “home away from home” for the families

of patients at the Akron Children’s Hospital. We have a flexible, hardworking staff that consistently rises to the occasion and works as a cohesive team, always keeping the House’s best interest in mind. Our dependable volunteers put in countless hours to keep the House running smoothly. We have the support of the McDonald’s Owner/Operators as well as the RMH Charities of Northeast Ohio. We are a respected, integral part of the Akron Children’s Hospital campus, as well as the community at large.



Cindy Mishneff

While we face these challenging times, I am confident that we will be able to continue to provide the highest quality of service and support to our residents, thus fulfilling our mission.

The State of Ohio AED Initiative continued

What do AEDs treat?

300,000 people collapse and die from sudden cardiac arrest each year due to ventricular fibrillation (VF), a serious life-threatening heart rhythm disturbance. VF occurs without warning and can happen to anyone, from the young to the very old—children are not immune to this condition. As Dr. Gordon stated, “Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States. It kills more than those who die from breast cancer, prostate cancer, house fires, car accidents and AIDS combined.”

What does an AED do?

In Dr. Gordon’s words, “In the United States, successful resuscitation from sudden cardiac arrest is a dismal 5-7% because it takes too long for

emergency medical services to respond. For every minute that someone is in a cardiac arrest, his or her chance of survival drops by 10%. Through the efforts of The American Heart Association and others, the number of cardiac deaths in the adult population has decreased over the past decade. Unfortunately, the percentage of deaths from cardiac arrest among our youth has increased by 10%.”

“While only 5-7% of cardiac arrest victims survive nationwide, survival rates of 50% or more have been achieved in settings with strong emergency response plans that include rapid access to defibrillation (external electrical shocking to the heart). This device is one that virtually anyone can use even without training. It is a voice prompting device that instructs the operator how to deliver the lifesaving shock to the heart.”

Is the cost “too expensive?”

In 2001, a reporter asked Ken Miller, Josh’s father, “Don’t you think these devices (which then cost \$3,000) are too expensive to put in schools?” Ken answered while looking at Dr. Gordon, “It doesn’t seem like a lot of money to me.” Since 2000, Dr. Gordon has placed close to 5,000 AEDs, and estimates that they have saved 20-25 lives. Thirteen lives alone have been saved as a direct result of the State of Ohio initiative. And while he and Congresswoman Sutton were presenting the AED to Ronald McDonald House, Dr. Gordon took notice of the metered parking surrounding the house. With his dogged pursuit of a cause and his newly-found political chops, the staff, residents and volunteers at RMH have new hope for free parking!

A Message From Our Resident Manager

Spring is here and as you read this I will have been the Resident Manager for six months. I am only the third person to hold this position in the 24 years Ronald McDonald House of Akron has been open, and what an exciting and challenging job it is!

In these uncertain times we find ourselves in the midst of change and hope. I have always believed we all need help and should do our part, but now, being part of this extraordinary House I see this issue in much clearer terms.

One of the things that has really made an impression on me at Ronald McDonald House, is the incredible loyalty and dedication of all who serve here, from the volunteers, who put in thousands of hours of their time each year, to the dedicated staff who watch over and

care for the House, to the Board of Directors who preserve the integrity of the House and assure its future. The main goals of all these people are the residents who come to us in a time of personal crisis. Every one of them is made to feel welcome and cared about.

One morning, I recently had the opportunity to sit and talk to a member from one of the families staying at the House. She was from an Amish community in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. She was the matriarch of a very large family and her son and daughter-in-law were also here with their son who was having surgery. She asked me how we could have so many people working here. I explained that most of them were our volunteers. She was not exactly sure what I meant by “volunteers”. I further



Anne Collins

explained that they were friends of Ronald McDonald House and they gave their time for free as a way of helping. She looked at me very calmly and replied, “Well of course, that’s what we all do, we help each other.” It could not have been said better.

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron has come to mean much to me in a very short time. As we move forward in these challenging times, let us always remember to “help each other.”



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio (Cleveland)

When you help a child, you help their family. When you help a family, you help the community. And when you help the community, you change the world.

RMHC-Northeastern Ohio, Inc., was established in 1987 by local McDonald’s® Owner/Operators and celebrates 22 years of helping children and families during 2009. In addition to financial support of the Ronald McDonald House® programs in Akron and Cleveland, RMHC-Northeastern Ohio has awarded over \$6.6 million to more than 350 children’s organizations throughout a 20 county area in Northeastern Ohio. Financial support to RMH-Akron includes ongoing support to the general operating budget as well as support of the Charity Golf Classic each year. It is a goal of RMHC-Northeastern Ohio to positively impact the lives of children and their families in Northeastern Ohio by continuing the tradition of awarding grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations. For more information, visit rmhc-neo.org.

2008 Meal Donors

Many thanks to the following dining establishments, organizations and individuals who have provided meals to the Ronald McDonald House of Akron this year:

- ♥ 356th Fighter Group
- ♥ Agape Christian Fellowship
- ♥ Alpha Delta Pi
- ♥ Alpha Phi Omega
- ♥ Altrusa International
- ♥ Amy Geiser & friends
- ♥ Atlee & Martha Miller
- ♥ Berlin Northeast Church
- ♥ Beta Sigma Phi
- ♥ BW-3
- ♥ Capri Pizza
- ♥ Catering by Culinary Duet
- ♥ Cynthia's Edibles
- ♥ Daughters of Penelope
- ♥ Debbie Smith
- ♥ DeVitis Italian Market & Deli
- ♥ Diamond Marcum & family
- ♥ Dine In Diva
- ♥ East Berlin Church
- ♥ Elaine Hawthorne
- ♥ Emma Yoder
- ♥ Giant Eagle, Fairlawn
- ♥ H & R Block
- ♥ Happy Cookers, Martha Mary Guild
- ♥ Islamic Medical Assoc.
- ♥ Jennifer Kupiec & friends
- ♥ Jenny Jurkovic & friends
- ♥ Jesse Neidert & friends
- ♥ Julie LeFever
- ♥ Junior Women's Club, Stow, Munroe Falls & Silver Lake
- ♥ JWCC
- ♥ Kathy Dieckman, Connie Moyer, & Peggy Tobias
- ♥ Katie Krystowski
- ♥ Kirbie Family Meats & Catering
- ♥ Lisa Tweed & friends
- ♥ Little Caesars Pizza
- ♥ Marilyn Yoder
- ♥ Maureen Vastagh
- ♥ Melissa & Dustin Beattie
- ♥ Menches Brothers Restaurant
- ♥ Moe's Restaurant
- ♥ Mt. Hope New Order Fellowship
- ♥ Mustard Seed Market & Café
- ♥ Nick Triola Family
- ♥ Pizza Hut
- ♥ Rhodes Catering
- ♥ Rizzi's Ristorante & Pizzeria
- ♥ Rocco's Pizza
- ♥ Sadie Byler
- ♥ Salem Southeast Friends Church
- ♥ Sandy Adkins
- ♥ Scorchers
- ♥ Sharon & Mark Kohler
- ♥ Shisler's Cheese House
- ♥ St. Anne's Circle, St. Mary's Parish
- ♥ St. Hilary Brownie Troop #583
- ♥ Stephanie Allen & Family
- ♥ Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Key Club
- ♥ Stutzman's Bi-Rite
- ♥ Subway
- ♥ Tangier's Restaurant
- ♥ The Spaghetti Warehouse
- ♥ Todaro's Party Center
- ♥ United Automatic of Ferguson
- ♥ Vikki & Rodney Shadie & family
- ♥ Vinceen Davis & Jen Hajdu
- ♥ Waterloo Restaurant
- ♥ White House Chicken
- ♥ Yocono's Restaurant



Our Wish List

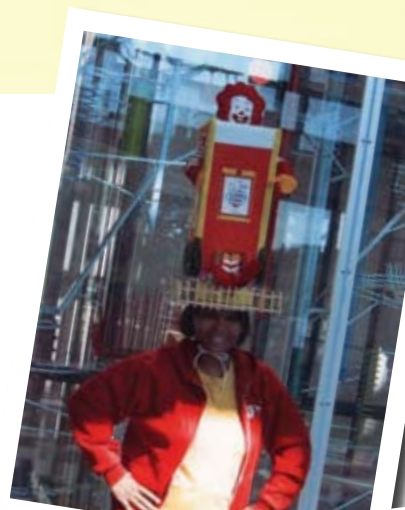
Please check this list of items and foods that we so often need at our House. We're thankful for all the businesses, groups and individuals who refill our pantry and storerooms.

Before making a large donation, we ask that you call 330-253-5400 to set up a delivery time.

- Stouffer's or Lean Cuisine entrees**
(individual servings)
- Potato chips, pretzels, etc.**
(individual servings)
- Sweet potatoes/yams**
- Canned mushrooms**
- Barbecue sauce**
- Salad dressing**
(Ranch, French, etc.)
- Hellman's Mayonnaise**
- Miracle Whip**
- Beef broth**
- Boxed potato mixes** (scalloped, au gratin, etc.)
- Boxed stuffing**
- Spaghetti sauce**
- Onion soup mix**
- Cream of chicken soup**
- Cream of celery soup**
- Durkee's French fried onions**
- White vinegar**
- Corn muffin mixes**
- Boxed cereal**
- Canned fruit**
(15 oz - 29 oz cans are best)
- Canned cranberries**
- Juices**
(individual servings)
- Cheese**
(shredded, slices or blocks)
- Fresh fruit**
- Cooking oil**
- Sugar**
- Brown sugar**
- Frosting** (canned)
- Brownies**
- Cake mixes**
- Nuts for baking**
- Grocery Store gift certificates**
- B J's gift certificates**



This past winter was among the coldest and snowiest on record for northeast Ohio. That's why we're lucky that Ronald McDonald House of Akron is now packing the heat. No, not that kind of heat...I'm talking about the new gas fireplace logs! Thanks to a generous donation from Pete Patterson, Michael Foraker and Randy Heavner of Jennings Heating and Cooling, Cherie Radovic of Star Fire Distributors, and Jerry Scott of the Robert H. Peterson Company, and the hard work of Don McCardle (pictured), we can now warm up the house with just the click of a remote.



Children's Hospital recently hosted a Help a Hat Contest. The winner was the Ronald McDonald House hat designed by the Medical Records Department. The winnings will be donated to RMH!



St. Joseph Elementary School 3rd graders provided Valentine's treats for our families.

The Spirit of Community

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron has been truly blessed by the generosity of many individuals, organizations and businesses from Akron and the surrounding communities who have given donations of food and materials, as well as their time. These are pictures of just a few of the generous people who donate to our House.

Below is a list of just some of the groups and individuals who have supported our House in the past few months. To them, and the countless others who have also lent a helping hand to our House, we offer our heartfelt thanks.

- ♥ AAA - Akron Auto Club
- ♥ Akron Beacon Journal
- ♥ Akron Children's Hospital
- ♥ Akron Fraternal Order of Police
- ♥ Akron Turner Club
- ♥ Allan P. Nahra
- ♥ Allstate Giving Campaign
- ♥ Alpha Delta Pi
- ♥ Anderson DuBose
- ♥ Ardis Wilson
- ♥ Barb & Alfred Collier
- ♥ Belfor USA Group Inc.
- ♥ Benjamin Moore & Co.
- ♥ Betsy A. Silver
- ♥ Brand Source
- ♥ Bruner-Cox LLP
- ♥ Carol Heter
- ♥ Cintas
- ♥ Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Akron
- ♥ Color Our Rainbow Academy
- ♥ ConKerr Cancer
- ♥ Cuyahoga Falls Senior Strollers
- ♥ Cuyahoga Valley Civitan Club
- ♥ Daisy Girl Scout Troop #470
- ♥ David & Beth Boehm
- ♥ Debra Gilmore
- ♥ Dennis Polilli
- ♥ Dr. David and Teresa Brostowitz
- ♥ Dunkin' Donuts
- ♥ Ecolab, Inc.
- ♥ Erik White Family
- ♥ Eshelman Legal Group
- ♥ F.O.E. of Akron #555
- ♥ First Baptist Church, Louisville
- ♥ First Night Akron
- ♥ Frank & Edith Corl
- ♥ Gary's Electric of Lansing, MI
- ♥ Gayle Malizia
- ♥ Georgia Pacific
- ♥ Grace Lutheran Preschool
- ♥ Green Valley UMC, Grace Circle
- ♥ H. E. Graves, Jr. Family Foundation
- ♥ Harold Keener
- ♥ Henry & Malinda Hershberger
- ♥ Italian American Auxiliary Club
- ♥ Jack & Tanya Garber
- ♥ Jacob & Rebecca Beechy
- ♥ Janet Long
- ♥ Jean Reichelderfer
- ♥ Joan Flynn
- ♥ JoAnn Fabrics
- ♥ John & Betty Van Fossen
- ♥ John & Shirley Kay
- ♥ K.I.S.S. Quilters
- ♥ Knights of Columbus
- ♥ Krispy Kreme Donuts
- ♥ Ladies Philoptochos Society
- ♥ Land O'Lakes
- ♥ La-Z-Boy Incorporated
- ♥ Linda Dirrig
- ♥ Madeline Bozzelli
- ♥ Magic City Kiwanis
- ♥ Marge Slocum
- ♥ Mark & Ida Mae Moore
- ♥ Mark Watson
- ♥ Martha Mary Guild
- ♥ Maurice & Carla Stutzman
- ♥ Megan Gorbach
- ♥ Michael & Nicole Robinson
- ♥ National Youth Haven Inc.
- ♥ Nelva Lattocha
- ♥ On Tap - Employees
- ♥ Party-Lite Dream Machine Region
- ♥ Peggy Weberman
- ♥ Reiter Dairy
- ♥ Richfield Amvets Auxiliary #176
- ♥ Robert & Loretta Szymanski
- ♥ Robert Riffle
- ♥ Roberta & Stan Marks
- ♥ Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio
- ♥ Rubber City McDonalds
- ♥ Salem Community Hospital
- ♥ Sam's Club
- ♥ Shearer Foods Inc.
- ♥ Shelly & Gregory Tekautz
- ♥ Sonja Diangelo
- ♥ St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
- ♥ Stanley & Janice Zurowski
- ♥ Stephanie & Tom Stitzel
- ♥ Stephen Morton
- ♥ Steve & Carrie Fasano
- ♥ Steve Emerick
- ♥ Steve Lamier
- ♥ Stuver Auto Spring Co.
- ♥ Susan Hamlin Scanlon
- ♥ Temperature Control
- ♥ TNT Exterminators
- ♥ Trevor & Ashley Ogi
- ♥ Triway Lanes Bowlers
- ♥ Vox Printing
- ♥ Wendell & Linda Hager
- ♥ Wilbur & Ruby Benner
- ♥ Windemere Elementary School
- ♥ Winking Lizard
- ♥ Yoder Brothers



Larry Genko of Dillard's at Summit Mall is pictured presenting Cindy Misheff a donation of \$5,543.58. The money was raised through the sale of Southern Living Cookbook and charity wristbands.



Brandon and Bryan Kline donated cookies, children's presents and wish list items this past Christmas.



On Tap waitresses collected \$1,171.05 in tips to donate to Ronald McDonald House of Akron. Pictured are Sara Johnson and Jade Wojtowicz, who helped by donating their tips.



The University of Akron students, all members of the Chapel, came to Ronald McDonald House and did spring cleaning. They gave up their spring break time to perform community service.

Meal Donation Program

Anyone who has had a family emergency knows that until the crisis has passed there is little else that matters or can be dealt with in the interim. This very situation plays itself out every day at the Ronald McDonald House. A parent with a sick child simply does not have the energy to worry about mundane things. With the help of many generous donors and restaurants, Kathy Seward and her staff of volunteers at RMH make sure that a hot, nutritious dinner is always available.

When she began working at Ronald McDonald House in March 2000, a meal was offered each evening, but there was little structure to the program. Then, at Kathy's annual review in 2003, a need was identified to develop a more focused meal program. Headed by Mary Redle, a committee was formed, a plan was forged and solicitations began to area restaurants, delis and civic groups. When Don McCardle joined the food program in 2005, the donations boomed.

Currently, Kathy has a list of 52 restaurants, delis and individuals from the area who contribute. She keeps a card on file for each donor to show who the contact person is, when they have donated last (as well as how often they wish to donate), and if the meal needs to be picked up. She has a working calendar for meal donations at least six months in advance. Roughly sixteen meals per month are brought in; the remainder are made in-house through the generous donations of groceries and the talents of volunteers.

Kathy usually plans for forty people per night at the house, with more on holidays to accommodate family

guests. At a conservative estimate of \$5 per person (most meals include a salad or relish tray to begin and a dessert to end the meal) that would be a donation of the equivalent of \$200 per night.

Polly Margo is a volunteer who began with RMH in 1986 at the urging of her friend, Anne Dorherthy. They were part of a four-person team who volunteered every other Friday afternoon. Polly said that "cooking is what they needed done," so she, Anne, Betty Taber and Eve Hughes made meals for the house on their Fridays. When I asked Polly if they ever found the task of cooking for 40 people daunting, she told me that Eve had five children, so cooking for a crowd was no problem. Polly still makes meals every other Friday afternoon at the house, but she is now joined by Pat Buschko, Fran Sawaya and Pat Meredith.

Mary Rywalski began as a volunteer in 1992 when she and her family moved to Akron. While living in Toledo, her daughter was diagnosed with a neurological disorder which necessitated her driving back and forth to Ann Arbor, Michigan, on a regular basis – an hour-long drive. Due to her experience with this long commute, she sought out a volunteer position with the Ronald McDonald House of Akron. When she started with RMH, she worked alone every Wednesday afternoon cooking the evening meal. Her biggest challenge was cooking in the summer and before Christmastime since food donations were down. But as she said, "We just got creative". Mary still volunteers and cooks meals every other Wednesday afternoon, but she now has help from Dawn Crowe, who became a volunteer in October of 2007.



Polly Margo, Kathy Seward and Fran Sawaya.

DeVitis Italian Market and Deli has been a longtime supporter of the meal donation program and has been willing to help out whenever needed. Dave DeVitis said he was first asked to help out five years ago by Sally Scala, a volunteer and board member at Ronald McDonald House. The food was very well received by the staff, volunteers and residents. As Dave put it, "It's Italian. It's comfort food." And during a time of stress, it is just what our residents need.

As Kathy said, "This program has been running for several years now and I'm so impressed with the willingness of the donors to provide a meal for our families and in the quality of food we receive. We must have a guardian angel looking out for us. Once in a great while a donor has had an emergency come up at the last minute and has had to cancel. If there is time, I've called someone else to fill in and admirably, they have. Since this program has begun, we've never had a night without an evening meal. Some way, somehow, we make sure there is one."

When you finish reading this article, please look at the list of food donors. They are your friends, your local grocery stores and your neighborhood restaurants. Their generosity, as well as Kathy Seward's hard work and her team of dedicated volunteers, truly provide comfort as well as food at a difficult time for many families.



Ronald McDonald House® of Akron, Inc.
 245 Locust Street
 Akron, OH 44302

Non-Profit
 Organization
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Akron, Ohio
 Permit No. 534

Return service requested

Would you like to help the environment, save money in postage and printing for Ronald McDonald House, and still receive your Care Cables newsletter? We can now email it to you! If you would like to receive your Care Cables via email, just send us your email address at Casey4email@gmail.com

Check if appropriate:

- My name is misspelled
- My address is incorrect
- I received more than one copy
- I no longer wish to receive Care Cables

Please clip your label and mail it to us, noting your request.



Aren't you glad spring is here??

Ronald McDonald House of Akron

Board of Trustees Officers:

Cindy Misheff
President
 Sally Scala
Vice President
 Nancy Walker Gerbetz
Secretary
 Ken Rusinoff
Treasurer

Members:

Sheldon Barlette
 John Blickle
 Roberta Kleinman DeBarr
 Peg Deemer
 Jenny DelMedico
 Donna Early
 Darryl Fieldman
 Dale Freygang
 Donna Grigas
 Jeffrey Hord, M.D.
 Casey Hughes
 Luisa Iturriaga
 Heather Jalbert
 Keith Kilgore
 Margaret Matejkovic
 Don McCardle

Staff:

Anne Collins
Resident Manager
 Kathy Seward
 Mary Merendino
 Lauri Esposito

Connie Nolte
 Rosie Perez
 Emily Petrarca
 Kathleen Redle
 Mary Redle
 Nicholas Reynolds
 John Shaffer
 Steve Shriber
 Mike Soful
 Jim Stroble
 Mary Yanko
 Dana Zahuranec
 John Zoilo

Honorary Members:

William Considine
 Robert Klein, M.D.

Care Cables:

TRIAD
 Communications, Inc.
Designer
 Casey Hughes
Editor

Visit us at:
www.rmhakron.org

Care Cables is published by **RMH of Akron Inc.** (Ronald McDonald House of Akron Inc.), an association founded by Akron area families to provide and operate a Ronald McDonald House for those who have family members at Akron Children's Hospital.



© Copyright 2007. All rights reserved.

Who to Call

For **volunteer opportunities**, either on a regular basis or for special needs, call Peg Deemer at 330.253.5400.

For information on organizing a **fundraising event**, call Sheldon Barlette at 330.253.5400.

If your group or organization needs a **speaker** to discuss our mission, call Anne Collins at 330.253.5400.

Mission

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron was founded by families for the purpose of providing a temporary house for those who have loved ones at Akron Children's Hospital. Our home provides emotional, spiritual and mental support to all who live within these walls.