

Organization Name

Organization Info:

Name of Organization: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado

Website: www.rmhcsoutherncolorado.org

Address: 311 N. Logan Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Mission Statement: "Lifting children and families in need to a better tomorrow."

Contact Person for Questions (name, email, and phone number):

Please check the most appropriate issue dealt with by your organization:

Children Elderly Hunger/Homelessness Disaster Relief Animal Welfare
 Health/Wellness Environment Human Rights Families Soldiers/Supporting
Troops

About Your Issue Area:

What is the deeper issue behind your organization? RMHC serves as a home-away-from-home for families whose children are receiving much needed treatment at the nearby hospital...allowing them to build on the strength that comes from family togetherness.

What programs or services does your organization offer?

*Ronald McDonald House – an 11-bedroom house within walking distance of Memorial Hospital where the families stay in order to maximize the time they spend with their children and help deter the cost of a hotel stay for an extended period of time.

*Ronald McDonald Family Room – Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Children's Hospital Infusion Center – a place where families can go to relax, eat, shower, laundry, etc.

*Ronald McDonald Care Mobile - a state-of-the-art vehicle that delivers cost-effective medical and dental services directly to children in their own neighborhoods.

Do you have an interesting story about your organization or clients to share with the students? Grant Elementary was this year's winning Mount of Love school, tipping the scales at a whopping 238 pounds of pop tabs. That win gave them not only bragging rights, but also a certificate and an all-school assembly where Principal, Veronica Anderson, donned the coveted "Pop Tab Sombrero" while doing a victory dance for her students' delight.

How Can Students Help?

How can students help through specific, tangible cash grants? (ex: \$25 feeds 1 dog for 1 month; or specific items/supplies that will benefit your programs)= It costs approx.. \$40 for one night's stay for a family at the House. We have wish lists that include prepackaged snacks, cookie/cake mixes, cleaning products, etc. The community also brings us pop tabs and we turn those in for cash!

How can students help through group service projects? (What is useful to your organization and educational to students?) Students can fill our “wish list”, collect pop tabs, come with an adult and do special projects around the House/garden area, baking, cooking, etc.

Do you provide individual volunteer opportunities for youth? (If so, what ages, and what types of volunteer opportunities do you provide?) Volunteers under 18 require an adult to accompany them, but students can collect pop tabs, wish list items, etc.

Are there opportunities for students to be recognized by your organization? (A Mention in Newsletter, Site Visit of Facility, Celebration and Mingling with Clients, etc.) We have a monthly newsletter that we will give them credit for projects or donations. We would be happy to give a tour of our facility, just give us a call!!