

## Upcoming Events –

Shawnee County Fair

*July 26 – 29, 2007*

Visit our booth for a raffle drawing, plus see our larger than life Ronald McDonald!

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

*August 24, 2007*

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Dinner, Entertainment, Dancing, Live and Silent Auctions

Please call Kristin at (785) 235-6852 for more information.

Huff n' Puff Balloon Rally

*September 7 – 9, 2007*

Lake Shawnee

## Most Needed Wish List Items – (For complete list visit our website)

- Dairy products (butter, milk, cheese)
- Bread (white and wheat)
- Sandwich meat
- 55 gallon trash bags
- Furniture Polish
- Postage Stamps

Please take a few minutes to visit our new website at [www.rmhcptopeka.org](http://www.rmhcptopeka.org). You will find information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, ways to donate, and stories from our families.

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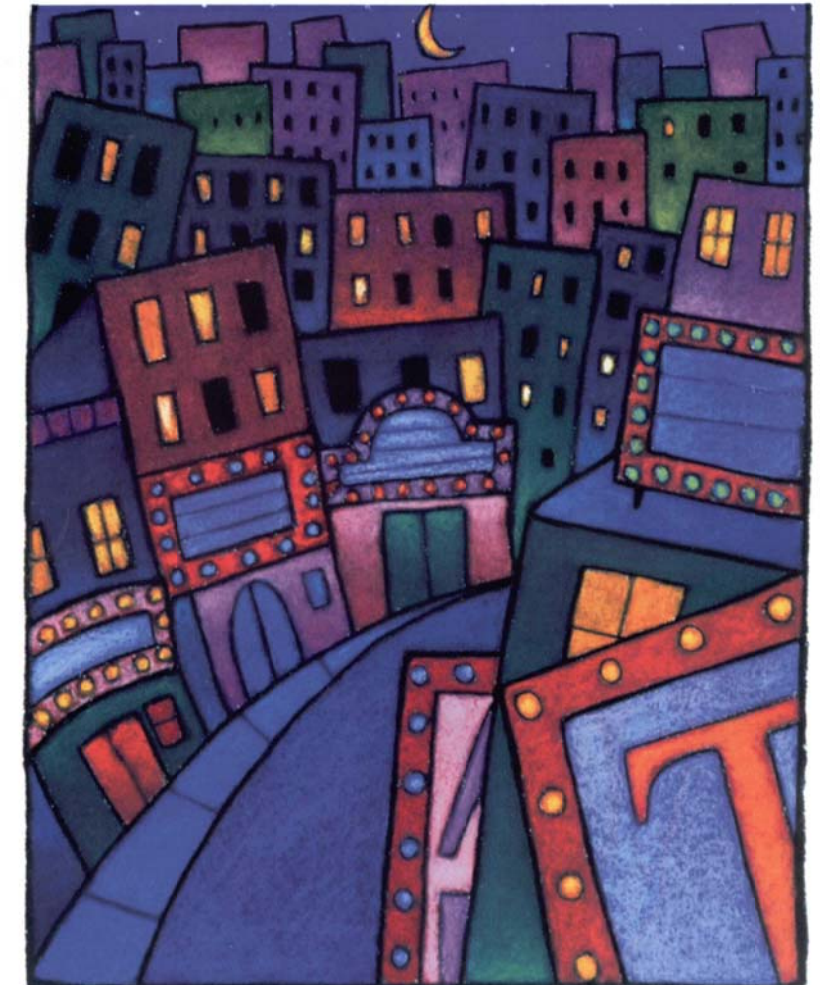
Linda Hauschild, Past President

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– Board Members

## Save the Date!!!



**Friday, August 24th**

**5th Annual Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser!**  
**Dinner, Entertainment, Dancing, Live and Silent Auctions**  
**Capitol Plaza Hotel, Maner Conference Center**  
**Topeka, KS**

Please call 785.235.6852 for more information.

Exciting auction items include trips, sporting events tickets, collectibles, electronics, and much more!

## Message from the Board President

Dear friends and supporters,

As the president of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas, I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful organization RMHC is – from its very mission, to its staff, to its volunteers, to its donors. We all play a vital part in providing comfort for families with children who are seeking significant medical attention. Most of us know the anxiety a parent feels when their child is ill, but few of us have been through the distress that families staying at the Ronald McDonald House face while their children are hospitalized.

I am very proud of what our donors help us to provide to the families staying at our house on a day to day basis. I am just as proud of the volunteers who make everything work smoothly. Our particular House is a beautiful, historic home with a rich history which also requires significant donations and volunteers to keep it in modern, working order. Finally, but in no way last, I want to recognize the outstanding dedication and performance of our staff.

As we head into the last half of 2007, with your continued support, we will finish the year strong. If you haven't already marked your calendars for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser on August 24<sup>th</sup>, you won't want to miss this year's event at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Last year we raised over \$65,000 and hope to top that this year! Also, please make plans to join us at the Huff n' Puff Balloon Rally at Lake Shawnee September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. The Great Plains Balloon Club members generously donate the proceeds from this wonderful event to the House and the Balloon Rally is definitely something to see! We are looking forward to the rest of this year and the events that will help support our "home-away-from-home" on Buchanan Street.

Very truly yours,

*Jeanne R. Slusher*  
Board President

## THANK YOU!

### *Give a Little Love –*

This year, over \$11,000 was raised in the "Give a Little Love" campaign sponsored by 21 McDonald's restaurants in Junction City, Manhattan, Wamego, Topeka, Emporia and surrounding areas.

A special thanks to all that participated and gave at the restaurants. Your contributions to this wonderful campaign provide support for the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka.

### *Pop Tab Contest –*

During this school year, students from the area participated in the Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Contest. Each class collected their tabs from October to April. We had 2 winners this year! First was Mrs. Prophet's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Shawnee Heights Elementary with tabs weighing in at 106 pounds. Our second winner was Mrs. Nash's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class at Amanda Arnold Elementary in Manhattan with a total of 83 pounds. Both classrooms were treated to a party at McDonald's. Thank you to all who participated. With your help we were able to collect over 600 pounds of pop tabs!



"The staff has been so helpful. The hardest part of the NICU experience has been leaving the hospital day after day without my new babies. I am so grateful for the friends and new people I have met here and shared our experiences and similar fears with. Just when you think that no one could understand what you are going through you meet people who are sharing the same thing. We have been very blessed to have had two pretty healthy kids who just needed to learn how to eat and do the other things "Preemies" need to do. This place is awesome. The encouragement you will find will stay with you!"

The Holtz Family, Ft. Riley KS  
"God Bless the Troops"

## Golf Tournament Update

A huge thanks goes out to one of Topeka's newest businesses! Tailgators Sports Pub & Grub hosted a golf tournament to benefit our Ronald McDonald House. It was held at Western Hills Golf Course on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the turnout was fantastic. They were able to raise over \$6500! Thank you to all of the participants, and we especially want to thank everyone at Tailgators for their dedication to the families we serve.

*Ronald McDonald House is a  
501 (c ) 3 charity.*

*Our Mission Statement is:*

*Ronald McDonald House Charities lifts children and families to a better tomorrow by providing a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children staying at nearby hospitals.*



We have made some very special friends at our local Home Depot! On May 12<sup>th</sup>, a group of employees came out to help give our playground a new look. The area was greatly in need of some improvement. The boards surrounding the playground were very old and no longer safe in a corner where a tree root had grown under them. Those boards were replaced. They also replaced the flooring of the playground with rubber mulch. This product is actually shredded rubber from the Goodyear plant.

After all of their hard work, the group was treated to pizza donated by Papa Murphy's. The playground is ready just in time for summer!

Thank you so much Home Depot for your continued dedication to helping in our community.