

Ronald McDonald House

Home for Dinner

Make Dinner for our families.

Imagine being part of a wonderful program at Ronald McDonald House® that would touch the hearts of our families. Our *Home for Dinner* program provides families and their children the ability to return from a stressful day at the hospital to a wonderful home cooked meal.

When you are away from home, there is nothing more comforting than a delicious meal. Some families who stay at Ronald McDonald House® are away from home for weeks and even months at a time. Although Ronald McDonald House® is equipped with a large kitchen and storage for family food, many families are unable to find the time and energy to go shopping and prepare a meal.

The success of our *Home for Dinner* program depends on our friends in the business community and we certainly appreciate your interest. We have a large kitchen where you can bring your own ingredients and cook the meal here. However, some volunteers choose to cook offsite and bring the prepared meal. Ideally, we like to have dinner ready for the families by 5:00pm. Some families come home around that time while others will reheat the leftovers when they return from the hospital.

We know this is a classic win-win-win. Our families win because they get to enjoy a lovely meal without having to cook on a stressful day. Your group wins through participation in a fun team building initiative and contribution to a very worthwhile cause. We win because you provide a wonderful service to our families and we build relationships with great community volunteers. In a perfect world we'd love to have meals for our families every night. Your team can cook a meal every couple of weeks, once a month or a couple times a year – whatever your schedule allows.

Ronald McDonald House® Atlantic Canada is dedicated to helping children who are seriously ill or disabled by providing a caring and supportive 'home away from home' for out of town families. Our vision is to ensure that the ever changing needs of these children and their families will be met with people and programs of compassion, commitment and integrity. Our Home for Dinner program directly impacts these families with sick children.

We look forward to hearing from you to discuss your participation in helping with our program. Please contact our House Manager, Linda Thibault, 429-4044 or email linda@rmhatlantic.ca. We will be more than happy to provide you with further details and hear your ideas.

Thank you for sharing with the '*House that Love Built*'.



Helping give sick children what they need most... their families.