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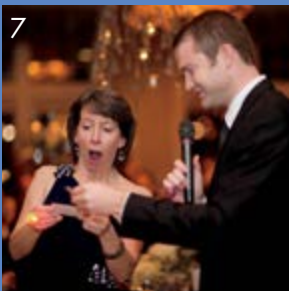
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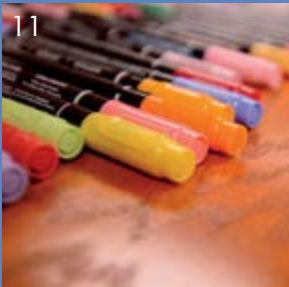
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Our Mission in Action

A HEART FOR OUR HOUSE

aryanna's journey

When you hear “good things come in small packages” you might imagine the phrase was invented to describe Aryanna Wiebke. In her 11 years of life, the Mason City, IA sixth grader has not only been through more than most people in a lifetime, she’s also given back more than most.

Journey of a Heart

Aryanna’s medical journey began when she needed a heart transplant at just seven months old. After waiting a full year, she received her new heart at the University of Iowa. Aryanna’s health remained fairly stable until 2012 when her body began rejecting the transplant and trips to the hospital increased. This May, the Wiebke family’s world was once again turned upside down when Aryanna was airlifted to Rochester due to onset kidney failure.

The Gift of Togetherness

Finding themselves 100 miles from home, the family faced a familiar uncertainty of where Aryanna’s journey would take them next. In their time of tests, hospitalizations and treatments, the Wiebkes knew one

thing for sure – the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester could help keep the family together. During Aryanna’s 11 visits to the House throughout the years, it’s truly become their home-away-from-home and a source of great comfort as they face hard days and long nights.

“The House has helped Aryanna by giving her motivation to keep moving,” said Aryanna’s mom, Emily. “The staff has really stepped up to help her cope and to have things to keep her occupied during procedures and waiting.”

Throughout the Wiebke’s current stay at the House, Aryanna has been fighting through heart, liver and kidney failure; along with a new diagnosis of aHUS, a rare kidney disease that causes additional complications. As the family navigates the next steps in her journey and works to get her stronger, they find comfort knowing they are just blocks from her doctors at Mayo’s St. Marys Campus.

“Doctors say the most important thing for Aryanna’s treatment and recovery is being close to the hospital,” said Emily. “When she’s at the House they can still watch her closely.”

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EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Stories are the Fabric of Our Mission

When we think about moments that touch our hearts, we think about stories. Every day at the Ronald McDonald House is story day.

Stories like these:

- It's early morning, Adam needs to be at Mayo Clinic for a 7 a.m. blood draw. Thank goodness for the grab-and-go breakfast bags a youth group donated.
- Barb, an active retiree has friends visiting from out of town but she still makes time for her three-hour shift as a volunteer HouseWarmer.
- Bob, one of our behind-the-scenes angels, stops in to ask the House Manager, "what do you need today?" Bob heads out on a shopping trip to buy pantry food, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and a beautiful bouquet of flowers for our lobby.

Not a day goes by when stories like these don't happen at the Ronald McDonald House. Each kind gesture, each smile from a child, each story reminds us why we do what we do.

In our work to provide a home for children and families, we are constantly inspired by the brave children and devoted parents. These families and their stories are the fabric of our mission, providing daily reminders to be thankful and cherish every moment.

We'd like to thank our thoughtful community, trusted board, dedicated volunteers, caring staff and generous sponsors for supporting our mission and allowing us to provide a home-away-from-home for the families we all serve. ♥



Justin McNeilus



Linda Bonow

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota, provides a **home-away-from-home** and gives caring support to families seeking medical care for their children.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Do you have a special story about your time at the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester?

Email photos and personal stories to mwilliams@rmhmn.org along with your contact information.

We'd love to hear from you and share your #RMHMNStory!



After a recent hospitalization, Aryanna was released to be with her mom and brother who were staying just blocks away at the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester.

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Aryanna's Journey

A Heart of Giving

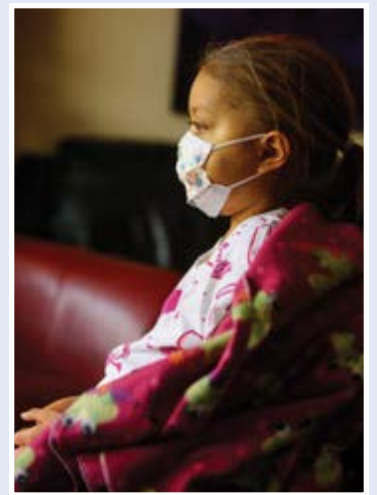
Throughout Aryanna's journey, giving back and being involved with House activities has been particularly important to her. This past January when she figured out her birthday would land on Easter Sunday, she told her mom she already knew what she wanted – to host a dinner for all the other families staying at the House.

Her birthday wish came true as Aryanna, her mom Emily, dad Troy and brother Spencer served the families a home-cooked, traditional holiday meal.

Whether it's serving dinner to a House-full, raising money for the House with a lemonade stand or joining in on a field trip to the zoo, Aryanna is always focused on living life to its fullest and staying involved.

Even in the midst of some of her darkest days, she continues to shine as a bright (and spunky) light at the House.

"From the house managers, to the other families, the activities coordinator or volunteers, everyone at the House has been invaluable in helping to cope with Aryanna's health and further scary diagnosis of aHUS," said Emily. "The dinners, cookies and coffee, it's all just amazing." ♥



It is with great sadness we share that just weeks ago Aryanna passed away and earned her angel wings. In a true testament to her heart of giving, it was Aryanna's wish to donate her eyes so another person could see the world through them.

Aryanna's Mom Shares One of Her Favorite House Memories

"One night, I was outside at the picnic table with a couple other transplant moms staying here long-term. We just sat out there and chatted for a while. It was wonderful to be able to let go with other women in my same place."





Meet Our FURRY, FOUR-LEGGED Volunteers

When families arrive at our House they've oftentimes had to leave their beloved pets back home with family or friends. Our pet therapy program, Paw Pals, offers children and their families the opportunity to connect with pet therapy dogs who visit the House on a regular basis with their owners – offering smiles, a sense of home and a buddy who will always listen.

Meet our furry volunteers and learn what Paw Pals has meant to their owners.



Paw Pal:
Jack, Golden Retriever,
9 years old
Owner,

Volunteer and Paw Pals Founder:
MaryAnn Youngquist

What's your most memorable Paw Pals moment?

"The inspiration for Paw Pals came from a teenage boy who really enjoyed spending time with Jack. The young man went into the hospital for a transplant and Jack was not able to visit him during that time. One day when Jack and I came to the House for our visit, the young man was sitting in the lobby waiting for us to arrive. The boy looked very different after going through his transplant and it took me

a minute to recognize him. Jack, however, knew him immediately. He walked over to the couch where the young man was sitting, crawled up next to him, laid his head on his lap and looked up at him. The smile on his face is something I'll never forget – that was the moment I knew we had to do more."



Paw Pal:
Timber,
Hungarian Vizsla,
10 years old

Owner and Volunteer:
Patti Fritz

What do you feel is the greatest benefit of the program?

"Helping the homesick kids ease their loneliness for their own dogs."



Paw Pal:
Lexie, English Springer Spaniel,
4 years old

Owner and Volunteer:
Lesley Salsman

What has volunteering your time to the program meant to you?

"Having a dog in the room not only can brighten a day, but can spark a conversation in someone who is exhausted from a day of doctor appointments, grueling hospital visits or just a day in the life of an ill child."

What's your most memorable Paw Pals moment?

"A little girl we met was going to undergo a serious procedure. Her one request was that Penny come visit her before the procedure. The evening before, we brought some gifts for her and her younger sister and spent an hour with them. It made me feel really good that Penny was so very special to her."



Paw Pal: Toby,
Newfoundland,
7 years old
Owner

and Volunteer: Ann and Andre Lapeyre

What has volunteering your time to the program meant to you?

"We always tell people that we get back far more than



Paw Pal:
Penny,
Golden Retriever Mix,
8 years old

Owner and Volunteer:
Janice Haycraft

we give. Before the visits, we always tell Toby what an important job he has to do, he'll be putting smiles on people's faces."



Paw Pal:
Cree, Golden Retriever,
8 years old
Owner and

Volunteer: Caroline Baihly

What do you feel is the greatest benefit of the program?

"Providing one of the little things that helps to make the House seem like a home for families who miss their pets."



Paw Pal:
Shiner,
Wirehaired Dachshund,
7 years old

Owner and Volunteer:
Dixie Manthei

What's your most memorable Paw Pals moment?

"It's a visit Shiner and I made one Thanksgiving. It was pretty quiet in the House, there was only one family in the lobby for our visit. They sat on the floor in the lobby clustered around Shiner and talked about how scary the day had been and how it was not part of their holiday plan. I was so glad I chose to visit even though it was a holiday. In our own way, we helped that family through a crisis."



Paw Pal:
Tucker,
Golden Retriever,
11 years old

Owner and Volunteer:
Ali Nelson

What do you feel is the greatest benefit of the program?



Paw Pal:
Fritz, Shih Tzu
7 years old
Owner and

Volunteer:
Gaylan Willert

What's your most memorable Paw Pals moment?

"Once a little boy came down in a wagon and Fritz wanted to get in the wagon with him. The little boy would stick his tongue out and Fritz would give him a kiss. They

have become good friends as the little boy has been there for quite a while."

Stay Connected to Paw Pals

As children are out on appointments or their favorite Paw Pal isn't at the House that day, they have the opportunity to stay connected to their four-legged friends by taking our Flat Dog Cards along with them wherever they go. Children can also send emails to pawpals@rmhmn.org or write their favorite dog on our Paw Pals Facebook page, facebook.com/paw.pals.92, to receive a heartfelt response. ♥

GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME



We are always looking for volunteers to join our team. If you're interested in donating your time or talents to our House, please contact Sue Weber, Volunteer Coordinator, at (507) 252-2161 or sweber@rmhmn.org for more information or visit our website at www.rmhmn.org.

HOUSEWARMER:

Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment to the House. Shifts are three hours in length and we ask for a commitment of two shifts per month.*

FAMILY ACTIVITY VOLUNTEER:

We ask for a six month commitment and shifts are two to three hours in length.*

OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

Volunteers help us by providing House Dinners, family activities, making handmade blankets and lap quilts, providing TLC in our guest kitchens and helping at special events.

**To be an active volunteer, you can volunteer weekly or every other week.*

#KidsHelpingKids

Community Pulls Together for the House



One look at the giant Pop Tab House in our lobby and there's no denying our Pop Tab Program remains a strong and ever-popular fundraising program. Hardly a day goes by when somebody doesn't stop into the House's lobby with tabs they have been collecting for weeks, months or even years. The concept of the program is simple – turning aluminum tops into a local recycling center for a donation that benefits the House. The program allows everyone young and old, from near and far, to help pick up the pieces for the children and families we serve.

This summer, sixth grader and Bristol, WI native, Seth Bayles, traveled over 300 miles to our House with his mother and a moving trailer full of pop tabs. The donation was Seth's way of giving back to the House. Seth and his family have stayed at the House throughout the years as he's received ongoing medical treatment at Mayo Clinic for a rare autoimmune disease.

When Seth asked his community to help with collecting, the response was overwhelming. From his school joining in, to perfect strangers dropping off tabs on their doorstep, the pop tabs added up quickly. "A lot of people in our community had been saving tabs for years, waiting for the right cause. We made it simple by having them drop their collected tabs off with us and we handled it from there," said Seth's mom, Julie. "It's about so much more than saving pop tabs. It's our way, Seth's way, of saying thank you to a community and an organization that's become an extended family to us throughout the years."

Thanks to the generous donations from individuals like Seth, in 2013 alone, pop tab recycling generated nearly \$12,500 in donations. All money raised from the program directly supports the children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester.

Get Involved with #KidsHelpingKids

It's never too early to get involved with the community! If you have a youngster or group of kids who are interested in helping out our House, consider one of our #KidsHelpingKids opportunities.



← Breakfast Bags

Our Breakfast Bags brighten our families' days and provide an excellent grab-and-go option for families with early medical

appointments. Contact the House for ideas on what to include and have fun decorating your bags.



← Blankets

Nothing beats snuggling up with a cozy blanket when you're far from home. We offer handmade blankets to all children who stay with us. Sizes are 9x6 for teens and 3x5 for younger kids. Feel free to get creative with fabrics and colors!



← Pop Tabs

Our Pop Tab program offers a simple way for kids to support our House. Once collected, you can drop off tabs at our House or any local McDonald's location.

2014 Special Event Highlights

Thanks to a caring community, our three signature events raise awareness to our mission and much needed funds to support it.



HEARTS & DIAMONDS SPECTACULAR

This year's Hearts & Diamonds Spectacular was held Saturday, February 1 at Somerby Golf Club. This red carpet event continued the 11-year tradition of diamonds, dining and dancing. Throughout the evening, 250 guests were reminded of the magic that happens at the Ronald McDonald House and how each of them could help keep it alive year-round for the children and families who call us home. Guests showed their generous support with purchases of diamond chances, wine and raffle tickets. Many embraced an opportunity to "Fill the House with Love" by sponsoring nights at the House for families.

"Tonight is about the kids," said Curt and Nancy Appel, who have attended the event every year. Major sponsors included Sterling State Bank, Hight & Randall Personal Jewelers, Somerby Golf Club, McNeilus Companies, Rochester Motor Cars and Courtesy Corporation/McDonald's.



SWING YOUR BIRDIE GOLF CLASSIC

On Friday, July 25, more than 100 golfers supported the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester by participating in the 36th annual Swing Your Birdie Golf Classic. This best-shot tournament held at Willow Creek Golf Course is an annual tradition for many of the golfers. We are truly grateful to the community for making the "Birdie" such a special part of our House's legacy. This year's event raised more than \$33,000 to directly support children and their families. 2014 major sponsors included Wells Fargo, Coca-Cola,

Mission Advancement Professionals, McNeilus Companies, Alvin E. Benike General Contractor and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.



THE "CRUISE" MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RIDE

The 14th annual The "Cruise" Motorcycle Benefit Ride was held Sunday, July 28 with more than 1,000 riders participating in the destination ride to Treasure Island Resort and Casino. The "Cruise" attracts riders from all over the country and is the single largest fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. Registration, a raffle and auctions were held at Rochester Community and Technical College and concluded with a ceremonial parade to our House. This year, The "Cruise" raised more than \$106,000 to directly support children and their families. This year's major

sponsors included Bakers Square, Charter Communications, City Looks Salon & Spa, Hybrid Mechanical, Rochester Harley Davidson, Sam's Club, Sterling State Bank, Treasure Island Resort & Casino and Anonymous.

Calendar of Events

Please continue to visit our website at rmhmn.org/special-events for updated information on upcoming events.

- **CANS FOR KIDS** Saturday, October 4, 2014 and Saturday, February 7, 2015
- **HEARTS & DIAMONDS** Saturday, February 7, 2015

In Remembrance

The Ronald McDonald House receives memorial gifts honoring relatives and friends. The following persons were remembered from August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

John Aanonson
Gary Adams
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Jolene Alexander
All Little Children
Jim Alsip
Ray Alt
Glenn Amundsen
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Anderson
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Estelle Baldinger
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Stanley Fishbaugher
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Jack Andrew Flatness
Elliott Fosmo
Ardath Fowler
Brian Frederick
LeRoy French
Lyle & Helen Fritts
Joseph Fryer
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Chad Fuson
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Pearl Gaffney
Della Gaile
Ardyce D Galle
Mike Gartner
Elaine & Carol Garves
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Tyler Gleave
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Morgan Goldsmith
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Dustin Hoffman
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Robert "Bob" Lerman	Florence Mlynar	Mavis Pfarr	Schreiber	Bob Swalla	Parents of Richard &
Erma Levisen	Janice Moe	Ben & Irene Pfeifer	Dorothy Schroeder	Donald Swanson	Elva Wiesner
Cory L Lewellin	Virgil Moffit	Jeffrey Pfeiffer	Paul Schroeder	Bernard Swatkowski	Virginia Wilber
Harriett Lichtblau	Betty Mohs	Charles "Chuck" Phenix	Rhonda Schroeder	Leland Talbott	Jim Wilcox
Nick Liffbrig	Jerry Molloy	Elena Aiudi Pianosi	Esther Schuck	Richard Tangen	Kathleen Willert
Tegan Ann Liebold	Charles Morgan	Noreen Elizabeth	Leon Schuh	Milton Tenneson	Gavin Kenneth
La Vaine Linbo	Bob Mrozek	Broich Pieper	Ellen Schulz	Edie Tennis	Williams
Malcolm Lindsay, Jr	Mandy Muench	Mary Linn Posey	Bernice Schumacher	Bill Tentis	Jon Richard "Snuffy"
Kay Lindsey	Dale Mullenbach	Bob Prafke	Greg & Jim Schwartz	Chuck Tentis	Williams
Ann Liska	Robert A Mullenbach	Don Prafke	Phyllis Seese	Katie Terden	Morgan Williams
William Litfin	Jorge Munoz	Chantz Pramberg	Julie Segebarth	Jimmy L Terhune	McRea Willmert
David Lommen	Tommy Murphy	Robert K Prescott	Richard & Nancy Selby	Darlene Thiesfeld	Arlan Wilson
William R Loney	Bess Murray	Charles Prussing	Verna Selck	Barbara Thomford	Janet Goulet Wilson
Bruce Lorenz	Jim Nading	Dave Purington	Terry Sell	Natalie Thornton-Webb	Marge Wilson
Bill Louks	Florence Narum	Ken Quiring	Aaron Semenske	Harry Tiedeman	Anna Wohlman
Marlene Love	Dolores E Nelson	Brittany Racey	Sumitra Sethi	Abby Timmerman	Marv Wolfenson
Robert Lovelt	Donald Nelson	Charles Radatz	Thomas Sheehan	Clem Timmerman	Jim Wolla
Darla Ludwig	Elaine Nelson	Shawn Rahman	Pam Shirk	Thelma Timmerman	Katherine Wooding
Katherine Lutjen	Manford Nelson	Joe Ramaker	Terrance "Terry" Shuster	Genevieve Torner	Eleanore J Woody
Suzie Lutteke	Richard H Nelson	Tim Rasmusson	Alex & Olivia	Jackson Tracey	William Wylam
Mike MacLean	Dad of Sue Nelson	Jack Redmond	Siebenthaler	Lisa Tri	H Donald Yngsdal
Clarice Madsen	Sarah Nessler	Bruce J Reed	Daniel J Siems	Tony Tschida, Sr	Betty Young
Chuck Malin	Rose Neumann	Jack Reich	Don Siems	Denise Tucker	Charlene Young
Daniel Joseph Maly	Robert Neville-Neil	Vander Reich	Elmer Simon	David Tushner	Kristin Lewison Young
Rachel Mann	Roger Newkirk	Gladys & Bill Reinboldt	Darrel Simonson	Cameron Ulrich	Linda Youngs
Dennis Manning	Bevely Nickens	Dick Rengstorf	George Simpson	Charlie Ulven	Henry Zarrow
Evelyn Manthey	Doris Nienow	Steven Rettler	Jon Sivly	David C Utz	Janice Zimmerman
Connie L Marcellus	Carl F Nogosek	David Rich	Evelyn Skjeie	Virginia Utz	Anthony Michael
Edna M Marcellus	Daniel J Nogosek	Beulah & Francis Riley	Ally Smith	Greg Vaith	Zimprich

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of our families who've lost their precious children. While their lives were far too short, their spirit is with us forever. The following children earned their angel wings between August 1, 2013, and July 31, 2014.

Angels Of Inspiration



Jayde
Grace

Ethan
Elaina

Sheena
Brady

Tegan
Conner

Bentlee
Karson

Sadly we don't always know when a child passes away, but we always care. If you would like your angel remembered in our next issue, or if you'd like to include memories of your child in our Angels of Inspiration memory book honoring House children who've passed away, please contact Paula at pharaldson@rmhmn.org. ♥

Hearts of Gold

Remember the Ronald McDonald House in Your Will

Planned giving is a vital part of Ronald McDonald House of Rochester's long-term future. By remembering us in your will or estate plans, you help make sure that we can provide a home-away-from-home for future generations of guest families. Remembering our House is simple. Often a planned gift can help you make a more significant gift than you might have otherwise imagined - without sacrificing income or security for your own family.

Please contact the House at (507) 282-3955 for more information or to share your intentions.



EXAMPLE OF HOW TO INCLUDE THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF ROCHESTER IN YOUR WILL CORRECTLY:

"I give to the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota Inc., a Minnesota charitable organization, the sum of \$ _____ (or ____ percentage of my estate) to advance and sustain the mission of the House."

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Year-End Giving

Celebrate the Holidays With a Gift That Really Makes an Impact

We invite you to make the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester part of your year-end philanthropy. To make your gift extra special, we suggest giving in honor or celebration of friends and family. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a year-end gift; the children and families we serve find great comfort knowing that a caring community supports them.

Donations can also be made through the envelope in this newsletter, by calling (507) 282-3955 or online at www.rmhmn.org.

OUR MISSION IN ACTION...

House Activities Offer Relaxation, Socializing and Fun!

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester's mission is to provide a home-away-from-home and offer support to families seeking medical care for their children. After long days at the hospital, many families return to the House in the evenings seeking a sense of "normal" during an otherwise uncertain time. Kid-friendly activities are provided right at the House, giving children a way to take their mind off not feeling well, a sick sibling or missing home. From visits from our Paw Pals dogs, to craft projects and music, activities at the House offer children a way to relax, meet other families and have a little fun!



In the Words of Our Guests:

"Activities are very important to us as they help to keep the kids from worrying too much while we visit Mayo Clinic for procedures."

"Activities help us relax, forget about a tough day and visit with other children and parents."

"We had our outpatient daughter with us and the support from the family activities coordinator was terrific in terms of kindness to both of our children, activities and a general understanding of our situation."

New Faces Around the House



Keri Leisen

Keri joined our team in June as administrative support. Keri is a familiar face around the House after working as a contracted employee for Merry Maids since 2011. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Northern Michigan University where she majored in history and minored in international studies. In the past year, Keri filled in for our facility/maintenance and provided part-time data entry assistance. Additionally, Keri utilizes her creative abilities to create many of the unique pop tab jewelry items sold in our Big Red Shoe Store.



Jennifer Redalen

Jennifer also joined our team in June as administrative support. She attended the University of Minnesota where she studied accounting and finance. She most recently worked as a customer service representative at Rochester Medical Corporation in Stewartville for nearly seven years, providing excellent customer service and product support. Jennifer currently lives in Chatfield, MN.



Marit Williams

Marit joined our team in May as our communications and community relations coordinator. She attended St. Cloud State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science, majoring in mass communications with a public relations focus and minoring in travel and tourism. A Rochester native, Marit recently returned home after living in San Diego, CA for six years while she worked in communications and public affairs at the San Diego Convention Center Corporation.



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Wish List

Wish List items help to save our House thousands of dollars each year. Look for our much-needed items each Wednesday as we celebrate [#WishListWednesday](#) on social media. For our full Wish List, visit www.rmhm.org.

- Spray All-Purpose Cleaners
- Individually-Wrapped Snack Items
- Liquid Hand Soap and Sanitizer
- Dishwasher Detergent
- 8½ x 11 Printer Paper
- Nonperishable Food Items
- Paper Towels
- Commercially-Made, Pre-Cut, Frozen Cookie Dough

Letters from the Heart.....

Thank you so much RMHMN! We were so grateful to get in here after having to stay longer than expected. It relieved us of a huge financial burden. It is so wonderful to be able to stay in a place filled with support and positive energy from all of the volunteers and staff, especially when so many of us are struggling with the illness of our children. It is really a home-away-from-home. Our son August, who is 15 months old, had a blast. There is so much to do here even for the little ones! He especially loved the pet visits, play room and train table! Being here has brightened some of the long and not-so-fun days he has had lately. Thanks again, we will always remember the kindness and love shown towards us during our time here!

Sincerely,
Aaron, Tearza and August