

MEALS OF LOVE SPONSORSHIP FAQ

What is a Meal of Love sponsorship?

Meal of Love is a program hosted by Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House (LARMH) to offer prepared meals for free to our guest families. *Due to current public health concerns, we are no longer hosting in-person meal preparation and ask that all meals are dropped off at the House.*

How do I sign up to sponsor a Meal of Love?

Email or call our team at 323-644-3088 to reserve a date/meal. Sponsorships are available for any meal, 7 days a week, with the highest need for lunches and dinners.

How many people will I be ordering for?

Please call the House to get the most current numbers, which range from around 50 to 75 people. Since it is a large order, you may need to place it 24 hours in advance.

What should I order?

It is truly your choice! Our families come from all over the world and enjoy a variety of cuisines. You can choose any restaurant, catering business or store you would like to support, or we can send a list of restaurant referrals. Although not required, please consider including a vegetarian or vegan option and/or a gluten-free option when possible to accommodate some of our guests' dietary needs.

We ask that all meals be either individually packaged (single serving, such as a boxed lunch) or packaged in "family size" (4 or so servings) so guests do not have to share containers with anyone outside of their household.

Can I cook meals at home and drop them off at the House?

Unfortunately, no. All meals must be cooked and packaged in a commercial-grade kitchen.

How much do meals typically cost?

This depends on where you order from, available discounts and the type of food. A la carte meals, such as pizza or sandwiches, cost around \$300. Full meals tend to start at \$500. We know this is a much bigger expense than traditional Meals of Love, and we really appreciate your generosity and sacrifice to help feed our families!

What time should I have the food delivered?

We ask that food is dropped off within 30 minutes prior to serving time. If you know there will be a delay, please call our front desk at 323-644-3060 to let us know. Dinners are typically served at 6:00pm, lunches at 12:00pm, breakfast at 9:00am, and weekend brunch at 10:30am.

Can I take photos? Will LARMH take photos?

Yes! If needed and with appropriate precautions, our team can take a picture of you at the entrance. However, you are not able to enter the House at this time. If you have your own photos you would like for us to post on social media, please email them to us at LARMH-MediaUpload@rmhcsc.org.

Our team will take pictures of every meal set up and post these with our gratitude on our social media channels. You can follow and tag us @LosAngelesRMH and #mealoflove.

I cannot afford to sponsor a whole meal. Can I donate a smaller amount?

We understand how sponsorship may be more expensive than a traditional Meal of Love. We encourage you to connect with your family, friends, coworkers, etc. to pool funds and funding it together. You can also call restaurants to see if they are able to offer a discount or even donate the meal.

Even if you are not able to fully sponsor a meal, any dollar amount you can contribute makes a difference! You are welcome to contribute **any amount** towards a meal:

- Donate <u>online</u> and enter "Meal of Love Fund" in the comments.
- Call 323-644-3060 to make a donation over the phone, specifying that it is for the Meal of Love Fund.
- Mail or drop off a check to LARMH (or you can spell out our full name Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House) at 4560 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90029. Please include "Meal of Love Fund" in the memo line.

For more information, please email larmh-volunteer@rmhcsc.org or call 323-644-3088.