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May 2021!

It's Walk for Kids season! Other than the Walk for Kids, here are some other things going on that you might need to know about.

2021 Bakersfield Virtual Walk for Kids!

It's time to register for the Bakersfield Virtual Walk for Kids. The Virtual Walk for Kids will take place on Saturday, June 5th! Now is the time to start fundraising and find members to join your team!

To register your Walk for Kids team, please go to walkforkids.org/bakersfield, email David Torres at dtorres@rmhcsc.org or call us at (661) 437-4130. You can also watch this video on how to register for the Walk for Kids! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8mx_5JeGRk).

Thank you everyone for supporting the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House!



virtual
**WALK FOR
Kids**

2021

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH

BENEFITING THE Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House

A Force Together

Walk for Kids: Your WHY Story

We need your WHY stories! A WHY story is the reason why you participate in the Walk for Kids or support the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. Please submit a 1-2 minute video (film horizontally please) and submit to Scarlett Sabin (ssabin@rmhcsc.org) or Charlie Perreault (sperreault@rmhcsc.org). Your WHY stories will be displayed on our social media on the days and weeks leading up to the Walk for Kids! We need your stories as soon as possible!

If you are uncomfortable with speaking on video but still want to share your story, please send any word documents or any other written paper to Charlie Perreault (sperreault@rmhcsc.org) and we will still share with our followers!

Thank you to everyone that has submitted a WHY story in the past. Your past experiences with the Ronald McDonald House helps show the community the good that can come from the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House and all other Ronald McDonald House charities!



Give Big Kern!

This Tuesday is Give Big Kern day! Give Big Kern is a dynamic and fun day of giving hosted by Kern Community Foundation to foster local philanthropy in support of 501(c)(3) charitable organizations in Kern County. The effort allows participating agencies to gain visibility as they engage the entire community in "One day to celebrate the giving spirit of Kern County!"

If you would like to donate towards the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House for Give Big Kern day, please go to <https://www.givebigkern.org/organizations/bakersfield-ronald-mcdonald-house>.

Thank you for thinking of us on this day of giving!



Circle of Healing and the Walk for Kids!

Our Circle of Healing program is one of the many programs that keeps the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House operational. Our Walk for Kids event is our biggest event of the year as it funds 2/3 of our operating budget for the year. What if we told you there was an incentive for participating in both?

This event is a peer-to-peer fundraising event to raise money for our House. We encourage each walker to raise \$100 to earn the event t-shirt. This is easy to do by joining our Circle of Healing program and pledging \$10.00 a month for 12 months. Then, you can ask your friends and family for donations to reach a higher personal goal of fundraising for our House. By joining our Circle of Healing with your monthly reoccurring gift, not only are you supporting the House and Walk For Kids, but you will be recognized for your donation and invited to a special reception during the year.

To join our Circle of Healing program, please go to

<https://www.classy.org/campaign/circle-of-healing/c295399>

To register for the Walk for Kids, please go to walkforkids.org/bakersfield, email David Torres at dtorres@rmhcsc.org or call us at (661) 437-4130.

Our Circle of Healing members are the foundation for the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. Please consider joining!



McDonald's Commitment!

We have great news! McDonald's has announced that it is committing \$100 million to the Ronald McDonald House Charities over the next five years! As a part of their announcement, McDonald's is launching a new social media campaign called #HereForRMHC. Post a photo or video of yourself making the RMHC heart symbol to your social media and use the hashtag #HereForRMHC. For each post, McDonald's will donate \$100 in that person's name as a part of their \$100 million commitment!

Support the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House by posting a photo or video to your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Tik Tok making the RMHC heart symbol with the hashtag #HereForRMHC! Thank you McDonald's for your extreme generosity as we get through the Covid-19 pandemic.



Wish-List Wednesdays

Every Wednesday is Wish-List Wednesday! Items on our wish-list are items that the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House uses on a day-to-day basis. Items can be donated to the House 7 days a week between 9am-9pm! If you have questions about what to donate or when, please call the House at (661) 437-4130 or email Charlie Perreault at sperreault@rmhcsc.org.

*We are happy to announce that you can now donate through Amazon! Click on the link provided and purchase items through Amazon that will be sent directly to the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House!
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B0IKH4BN92EV...>*

Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House

WISH LIST

HOUSE

- Postage Stamps
- Store Gift Cards; Target, Vons, WinCo, Trader Joes, Home Depot, Wal-Mart
- Fun \$5 Gift Cards; McDonald's, Baskin Robbins, Subway, Jamba Juice etc...
- Batteries (AAA & AA)

KITCHEN

- Window Cleaner
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Pine-Sol Liquid Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- All Sizes Storage Bags (snack, sandwich, quart & gallon)
- All Sizes Storage Containers
- Silverware (set of 12)
- Kitchen Towels/Dish Towels
- Mop/Mop Head
- Hand-Held or Electric Can Openers
- Knives & Cooking Utensils

PANTRY / FOOD NEEDS

- Breakfast Bars / Granola Bars
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Coffee Creamer, Sugar, Sugar Substitute
- Tea Bags
- Individual Packaged Snacks
- Microwave Popcorn
- Fresh Produce - Fruits & Vegetables
- Frozen Items:
Hot Pockets, Frozen Pizzas, Pot Pies, etc...

COMPUTER ROOM

- Thank You Cards/Envelopes for Families

FAMILY ROOM

- Family Type DVD's
- Board Games & Puzzles
- Crayons & Coloring or Activity Books
- Crossword/Sudoku Puzzle Books
- Books and games in English & Spanish for All ages (especially for teens and parents)

LAUNDRY / STORAGE

- 2 6-foot Tables for special events
- Large Rubbermaid type Storage Bins
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets

BATHROOMS

- 1 Bath Mat (neutral colors)
- Bath Towels, Hand Towels & Wash Cloths (neutral colors)
- Matching Towels
- Hotel Size Toiletries:
shampoo-conditioner, toothbrushes/paste, hairbrushes/combs, deodorant, razors/shaving cream, bar soap, etc.



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Be a part of the community that embraces the mission of the
Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House
to continue to help families and their children.

Calling for Volunteers!

The Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House is seeking volunteers to be weekly/monthly House volunteers! Becoming a volunteer allows you the ability to help support the House with your gift of time and talent! Weekday and weekend shifts are needed and since our operations are 24/7, we have a shift for you! To pick up an application and medical clearance paperwork just call 661-327-4647 x15290 or (661) 437-4130! You can also email Anthony Noble at anoble@rmhcsc.org for more information.



Heart of the House!



This is a difficult time and we know that not everyone is in a position to give. If you are able to make a gift this year to help provide critical services for kids and families here in Bakersfield, you may be eligible for an additional tax incentive through the CARES Act.

As a special thank you for helping our families focus on what matters most—staying close when their child is sick—donors who contribute a total of \$1,000 or more (total) in a year will be recognized as a friend of the House in our Heart of the House annual funding program.

For more information, please visit us online or contact Scarlett Sabin at: SSabin@rmhsc.org

Matching Gifts

Did you know that many companies match the donations of their employees to organizations like ours?

With just a few easy steps, you could double the impact of your gift to the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House? To learn more and find out if your employer has a matching gifts program, visit: <https://rmhsc.org/chapter/page/doubledonation>

#KeepingFamiliesClose #matchinggifts



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DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Matching gifts help stretch your
support for children and families!



Visit www.rmhcsc.org to learn more!

If you have any questions about the content in this newsletter, you can email Charlie Perreault at sperreault@rmhcsc.org!

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