



MEALS OF LOVE SPONSORSHIPS AND IN-KIND FOOD DONATIONS

Sponsorships

1. *What is a Meal of Love sponsorship?*

Meals of Love is a program hosted by Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House (LARMH) to offer free, freshly prepared food to our guest families. A sponsorship allows community groups to underwrite a meal, select a vendor of their preference, and order meals to be directly delivered to our House and offered to our families.

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

Email or call our team to reserve a date/meal. Sponsorships are available for breakfast, lunch, or dinner 7 days a week, with the highest need for lunches and dinners on weekdays.

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3. *How many people will I be ordering for?*

Please work with the Volunteer Manager to get the most current numbers when you coordinate your meal. Currently, we are asking for all meals to serve 150 people. Since it is a large order, you may need to place it 24 hours or more in advance.

4. *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 local restaurant options.

Meals can either be individually-packaged, in family-style portions, or in catering/buffet portions.

5. *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 to ensure proper food safety practices for our families.

6. *How much do meals typically cost?*

This depends on where you order from, available discounts, and the type of food selected.

- A la carte meals, such as pizza or sandwiches, cost around \$300.
- Full meals tend to start at \$1,000.
- Holiday meals may cost upward of \$1,500.

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!

7. *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.

- *Breakfast served at 9AM; delivery by 8:30AM*
- *Lunch served at 12PM; delivery by 11:30AM*
- *Dinner served at 6PM; delivery by 5:30PM*
- *All meals should be delivered to 1250 Lyman Place, Los Angeles, CA 90029*

8. *How does the drop-off work?*

You can either have the items delivered via your vendor service, or drop the items off yourself at the above address. If you drop the items off yourself, you may come in to set up the meal and take photos.

Our staff will also always try to take photos of the set up and of families enjoying the meal to share back with you upon request.

9. *Can I donate money to be used for food instead of donating an actual meal?*

If you would rather we donate funds to be used toward essential food resources, or if you are not able to fully sponsor a meal, you can still contribute any amount towards our food resource program by doing the following:

- [Donate online](#) and enter "Food Resource Fund" in the comments.
- Call 323-644-3060 to make a donation over the phone, specifying that it is for the Food Resource 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 "For Food Resource Fund" in the memo line.

10. *Are there any other things to consider?*

Yes! We want to ensure that we provide an inclusive experience for all our families, as such, please abide by the following parameters:

- 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.
- You are welcome to bring other treats or donations with your meal, provided they have been vetted with the Volunteer Manager first. Please try to remember to bring enough for everyone!
- If you wish to include messages or cards with your meal
 - Please do not include any religious paraphernalia or communications; Ronald McDonald House Charities is a non-denominational organization hosting families from all types of cultures and religions.
 - Use general messages like "Enjoy your meal" or "You are wonderful" to help encourage families and guests without expressing false optimism.

In-Kind Food Donations

1. *What is an in-kind food donation?*

An in-kind food donation is a donation of food resources for our families to utilize. This can include a meal, supplementary food and snacks, or bulk food items from a restaurant, catering company, venue, or supplementary food/meal/pantry program. We strive to provide round-the-clock access to healthy, nutritious food for our families to use at their convenience,

2. *What do you need?*

We are always in need of the following:

- *Pantry items and non-perishable food*
- *Produce*
- *Frozen food*
- *Individually-packaged meals*

All items should be unused, unopened, and unexpired.

3. *How much or how often can I donate?*

We are always looking for food resources and have the capacity to accept donations on a recurring/regular basis, and are usually happy to accept varying quantities of items. We are occasionally limited in how much we can accept at any one time, however. Please contact our team for specifics.

4. *How do I sign up to donate food?*

Email or call our team to discuss needs and our capacity for accepting items.

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