

Fall 2009



Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House®

From the



Heart

The mission of the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House is to provide a 'home away from home' for families of critically ill and injured children receiving medical treatment at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and nearby medical facilities.

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House Brings Hope and Comfort to Young Cancer Patients



Victor Leon

Walk inside Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House and you'll notice a few things. Aside from the gleaming cherry wood floors, cozy family room and every kid's dream of a playground, you'll get a feeling. "It makes me feel hopeful," said Loriann Sins, age 11, a resident of LLRMH who is fighting acute lymph plastic leukemia, a type of childhood cancer. And 'the house that love built'™ has plenty of hope for Loriann and two other cancer patients—Karla Estrada, age 13, and Victor Leon, age 10—all of whom are staying in the House with their families while they undergo their various treatments.

An avid gamer, Victor, who lives in Blythe, California, loves the game room at LLRMH. He

doesn't let his leukemia stop him from playing Motor Storm, a dirt bike game in which he can twist and turn, flip and jump off obstacle courses with ease. Perhaps he may take up the sport when he recovers from his cancer—he has only 16 percent remaining.

While he has his chemotherapy treatments, his mother, Yvonne, is grateful to have the comfort and shelter of the House, a welcome respite from the 12 nights she spent on the couch at the hospital before moving in. Yvonne settled quickly and felt comfortable, but Victor was at first a bit wary—he wasn't 'home' and he had not gotten acquainted with anyone. It didn't take him long to warm up to the place. Once he met Raquel, a housekeeper at LLRMH, her hugs and doting evaporated all of his apprehension.

Raquel is also a favorite for Karla Estrada and her family, who came to the House from Mecca, California. "She tells me and Victor that we're going to be okay," said Karla, who suffers from acteno carcinoma (a type of colon cancer), and became fast friends with Victor. She is anxious to eradicate the cancer so she can get back to playing basketball, her favorite sport. She'll also celebrate her remission by visiting her grandparents in Mexico, a trip she hasn't taken since she was diagnosed in 2007.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

New Staff



Bertha Noble
Relief Manager



Lexi Harris
Relief Manager



Linda Flores
Housekeeper



Nancy Henderson
Housekeeper



Former Yucaipa Restaurant owner Candy Rigney and her friends prepare meals for the families every month



La-Z-Boy Employees prepared a fabulous BBQ salmon lunch for the families



Gardening and housekeeping service project by University of Redlands Staff and Students



San Bernardino Public Employees Association (S.B.P.E.A.) hosted a fabulous Luau for the families which included Polynesian Dancers and a special visit from Ronald



Hemet Elks Lodge continue to support the pull tab collection program



Cooley Ranch Elementary School collected coins in support of our Pennies from the Heart campaign

Pull Tab Collections

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of our dedicated pull tab collectors who continue to participate in our pull tab collection program. Your tab contributions help us support the many families that call the LLRMH a “home away from home”.



Special thanks to our friends at Ramsey Recycling in Beaumont for supporting our Pull tab program!!

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 inch = 1 pull tab
- 1 mile = 63,360 pull tabs
- 1 pound = 1,264 pull tabs

(approximately)

Help Wanted

Volunteers with the following skills are also needed

- Certified Electrician
- Plumbers
- Construction
- Housekeeping
- Hairstylist
- Barbers
- Manicurist
- More

Please contact Gwen Terry, LLRMH Volunteer Coordinator @ 909-558-8333

IN ONE WORD:

THANKS!

The day to day operations of the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House rely on a small staff and an army of faithful volunteers. The dedicated team of House volunteers assist in any variety of duties all year long; from clerical help in the front office to daily house maintenance and even special events!

We could easily fill the pages of this publication with words of gratitude to the hundreds of dedicated individuals that provide their countless hours to support families and words truly can not describe our appreciation. So from the bottom of our hearts, we simply say...THANKS!

For more information about becoming part of the volunteer team at the House contact our Volunteer Coordinator. Gwen Terry at 909-558-8333 or gterry@llrmh.org

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Golf tournament

6th Annual

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An excited Bryan Domingue was the lucky winner of the Passport to the World Opportunity Drawing.

On September 21st the LLRMH 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, presented by San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and RSP & Associates, was held at the beautiful Victoria Club in Riverside. A new addition to the event this year, golfers were treated to a closest to the pin contest at hole #5 with the help of a drive from LPGA Hall of Famer Amy Alcott.

After a hot day on the course it cooled down into a gorgeous night. Guests quickly gathered inside as intense bidding wars began on more than 100 fantastic silent auction items. The excitement continued into dinner with presentations of awards and a live auction, but not before the Shumacher family shared their amazing story of strength and what the LLRMH has meant to them, reminding everybody what the day was truly all about.



LPGA Hall of Famer, Amy Alcott offers a helpful swing to the golfers.

Thank you to all of the wonderful sponsors for being part of this event and helping make it a success!

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Contact us today to learn more about this exciting NEW event!!!

Danielle/909-558-8323
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Pennies from the Heart Day

November 8, 2009

10:00am – 2:00pm

**Start saving your loose change now because
Pennies from the Heart Day is just around the corner!**

This special coin drive will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House from 10am to 2pm. Drop off your coins and stay for fun and games—and even meet Ronald McDonald himself!

Since 1999 the LLRMH has had the support of a large community of caring individuals who participate in the Pennies from the Heart campaign. Coin collections are great for schools, organizations, churches and just about anyone who wants to support our families and children.

Please come by today and pick up a collection can!

*We wish to extend our sincere appreciation in thanking the
Inland Counties Water Association, Inland Empire
Claims Association and the Riverside Police Officers*

*Association for once again
naming the Loma Linda
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as a beneficiary in your
2009 golf events....*

Thank You!



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What started out as a bloody nose at age seven continues to be a long road for Loriann, who has, to date, undergone 58 procedures, including one that removed 10 percent of her lung tissue. Before her family discovered LLRMH, her grandparents traveled from Twenty-Nine Palms, California and switched off sleeping in a van and showering in a drab area in the hospital. Now her family enjoys the comfort of a home away from home, with a supportive and caring staff that caters to their physical and emotional needs.

Loriann loves the game room in the house, and likes to hang out between her treatments at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Her mother, brother and



Loriann Sins



Karla Estrada

grandmother are also residents, but Grandma only pops in for a shower and then she's off to Loriann's bedside to hold her hand and provide support as she gets chemotherapy. Throughout her ordeal, Loriann has maintained a quiet strength that goes beyond her years. She never complains, even in face of unthinkable discomfort. "I told them to do whatever it takes to fix me," she said.

Perhaps one day you might see her rushing through the halls of 4800, working to cure cancer as a nurse. "The nurses are my guardian angels. I want to help children who suffer from cancer and cheer them up and offer them that same hope," she said.

—Christelyn D. Karazin is a former resident and freelance writer from Temecula, California.



In Loving Memory

The Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House extends its deepest sympathy to the families of these very special children.

Valerie Balleza
Mykel Cavazos
Aiden Doyer
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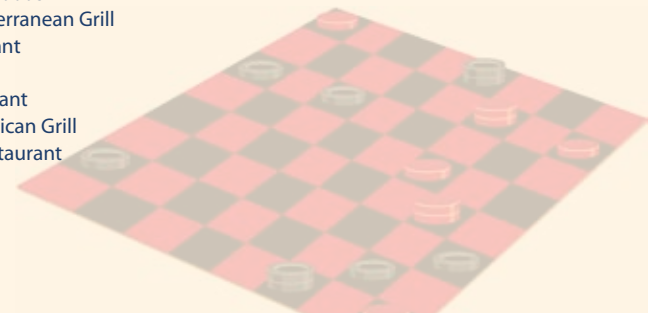
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Volunteers Needed!

The Ronald McDonald Charities of Southern California is seeking volunteers to help decorate the 2010 Rose Parade float.

Come help create the float that will ride down Colorado Blvd., and be broadcast nationwide on New Years Morning, January 1, 2010!



Both morning and evening shifts available from December 26, 2009-December 31, 2009

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