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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York Celebrates “Christmas in July”

Annual donation drive to help families of seriously ill children

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — [Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York](#) is celebrating “Christmas in July” and encouraging community members to collect and donate items from its wish list. All items will help support the many guest families who rely on the CNY Ronald McDonald House as a place to stay. Each year, approximately 2,500 family members, including 900 children, stay at the House. With so many guests to serve, there is a high demand for everyday items.

The nonprofit’s wish list includes necessities and personal items of immediate need including, but not limited to:

- **Food and drink items:** fruit snacks, granola bars, juice boxes, coffee, macaroni and cheese, non-dairy creamer, and individual snack bags of chips, crackers or cookies.
- **Household items:** aluminum foil, disinfectant wipes, food storage containers, liquid hand soap, napkins, paper plates and bowls, plastic utensils, trash bags and Ziploc® bags.
- **Children’s toys:** baby dolls, Lego® blocks, Tonka® trucks and cars, and popular toy figures.
- **Gift cards:** Target, Walmart and Wegmans.

The community can also make donations online through a separate [Amazon Wish List](#). The list includes larger items and a wider selection of household items, food items, toys and supplies. Donations purchased through Amazon will be delivered directly to the CNY Ronald McDonald House.

To view the complete “Christmas in July” wish list, visit [rmhcny.org](#). All donations must be new to safeguard the health of the seriously ill children the organization serves.

Community members can drop off donations on Thursday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the CNY Ronald McDonald House at 1100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. For alternate drop-off times, contact Nicole Poplawski at npoplawski@rmhcny.org or 315-476-1027.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY values togetherness and helps keep families of seriously ill children that are receiving medical care at Syracuse-area hospitals close. The fully accessible CNY Ronald McDonald House provides families with a comfortable room, home-cooked meals, support,

stability and resources when they are going through the unthinkable. To learn more about Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY and other ways to get involved, visit rmhcny.org.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York:

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York operates the CNY Ronald McDonald House 24 hours a day, year-round for families whose children are hospitalized with serious illnesses or injuries. For just \$25 a night per family, the House provides the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, and support and compassion. The fully accessible CNY Ronald McDonald House allows the organization to help keep even more families with seriously ill children together. For more information or to donate, visit rmhcny.org.

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