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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York to Celebrate Annual “Christmas in July”

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – [Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York](http://www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org) is celebrating “Christmas in July” and encouraging community members to collect items on its wish list throughout the month to support the families of seriously ill children staying at the organization’s House.

Wish list items include coffee, bottled water, granola bars, bagels, dry cereal, English muffins, individual snack bags of chips, peanut butter, small (4-gallon) and extra-large (40-gallon) trash bags, all-purpose spray cleaner, liquid hand soap, paper plates and paper towels, white copy paper (8½” x 11”), glue sticks, baby dolls and family-appropriate video games for Xbox 360.

The Central New York Ronald McDonald House wish list also includes gift cards to BJ’s Wholesale Club, Wegmans, Wal-Mart, Price Chopper, Tops and Target, to help purchase items of immediate need.

All items must be new for the safety of children with compromised immune systems.

To view the complete “Christmas in July” wish list, visit the [Summer 2015 Wish List](http://www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org) at www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.

The nonprofit opened a new, larger and fully handicap-accessible House in 2012. The new House allows the organization to meet diverse needs and offer expanded services for new populations of guest families who were previously unable to stay at the House. With a larger House and more families to serve, there is a higher demand for wish list items. In 2014, families stayed at the House an average of 5,850 cumulative nights.

“Christmas in July” will culminate with a donation drive for community members to drop off donations they have collected from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at the CNY Ronald McDonald House at 1100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. For alternative drop-off times, please contact Lee Wilder at lwilder@rmhcny.org or 315-476-1027.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York: Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY operates the CNY Ronald McDonald House 24 hours a day, year-round as a “home away from home” 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 Ronald McDonald House allows the organization to help keep even more families with seriously ill children together. For more information or to donate, visit www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.

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