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## A Sweeet Deal for the Ronald McDonald House!

Larry Lubin of the Championship Group, on behalf of one of the Iowa Cubs' sponsors, contacted the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House with a sweet deal.

As part of every home game for the Iowa Cubs, the radio announcers selected one play as the "Sweeet Play of the Game." The player(s) involved with the play were recognized and a contribution of \$100 in their name was made to the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House.

Turk Wendell, former Major League Baseball relief pitcher, served as the program spokesperson. Wendell played for the Iowa Cubs and went on to play for a number of Major League teams, including the Chicago Cubs, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies and Colorado Rockies. In 2000, Wendell was given the "Good Guy Award" by the New York Press Photographers Association in honor of his considerable charitable contributions.

On July 9th, the Iowa Cubs held a special night of recognition on behalf of the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House. They invited staff, board members and families to attend a picnic and a night of baseball. A check for \$7,200 was presented by spokesperson Turk Wendell to the Des Moines Ronald McDonald House Executive Director, Brenda Miller.

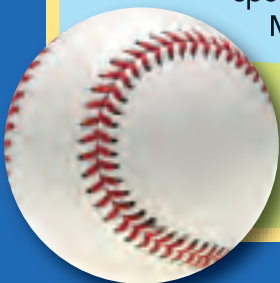


Program spokesperson and former Major League player, Turk Wendell, signs autographs for fans.



Bruce Wolk, Ardy Arani and Larry Lubin

The Iowa Cubs, the sponsor of the "Sweeet Play of the Game," the Championship Group and Turk Wendell are all deserving of the "Good Guy Award!"



# New Board Members Bring Valued Skills

**The Ronald McDonald House of Des Moines is delighted to welcome the following members to our board of directors.**



**Timothy Hogan**

**Timothy Hogan, of Hogan Law Office.** Tim has attended several of the RMH fundraising events over the years and decided he wanted to become involved with the House on a regular basis. He understands what the families are going through as his son went through surgery several years ago at Mayo. Tim brings legal perspective on issues presented to the board and enthusiasm for the mission of the Ronald McDonald House.



**Sandee Cook**

**Sandee Cook, Human Resource Director, Dice, Inc.** Sandee has past volunteering experience on other boards and was interested in getting involved once again with a local charity. She had researched other local organizations and we are pleased she chose us to be involved with. Sandee found out first-hand how the RMH benefits the families of seriously ill children as she had a former worker that stayed at our House while her newborn was receiving critical medical care at an area hospital. Sandee has missed volunteering for some time and is excited to find a great volunteer opportunity here at the Ronald McDonald House.



**Laurie Roepsch**

**Laurie Roepsch, VP, Benefits Aviva USA Corporation,** brings a background of human resource experience, from managing employee benefits to managing employee relations. Her background will be helpful in assessing the operational needs for the House. Laurie feels the compassion and mission of the Ronald McDonald House is highly regarded and provides immeasurable impact on families in a time of incredible need and emotional stress.



**Andrea Smith**

**Andrea Smith, Recruiting Specialist, The Vernon Company,** brings a varied background in everything from marketing, event planning, advertising, non-profit work and more. As she became more familiar with the House and RMHC overall, she was impressed with the level of service and support provided to families in Central Iowa through the organization. She also believes in the many good works that children's charities provide and believes that RMHC provides a very unique and special service.



**David Cooper**

**David Cooper, President, DPG, Inc.** has been a sponsor, golfer, donor and auction participant at the Ronald McDonald House annual golf outing/auction for the past 16 years. He was asked to be a part of the Golf Committee this past year and later asked to join the board of directors. David is honored to be a part of the Ronald McDonald House and feels the services we provide are something to be proud of and uphold in our community.

# Around the House



Did you know that in addition to our house and other programs, Ronald McDonald House Charities also funds scholarships? We see this as part of our mission to enrich the quality of life for children and families in Central Iowa.

Each year Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa gives out ten scholarships to high school seniors who will go on to college in the fall with our help. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000 and is sent to the college of the winner's choice toward tuition for their first year. We want to help deserving teens attain their dream of a college education.

To apply for a RMHC Scholarship, a student must:

- Be a high school senior
- Be younger than 21 years old
- Be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college or university
- Be a legal U.S. resident
- Live in a participating local RMHC geographic area
- Submit a complete application and all required documentation

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is February 15. Application forms and information on the scholarships are available from high school guidance counselors and on our web site: [rmhdesmoines.org](http://rmhdesmoines.org). You can also apply online at the national web site: [rmhc.com/scholarships](http://rmhc.com/scholarships)

Scholarship awards are given based on a student's academic achievement, financial need, community involvement, and family situation. If you know someone who needs a helping hand to fund the first year of college, let them know about this scholarship opportunity!

Pat Mathson, RMH Board Member

## Congratulations to our 2008 Scholarship Recipients

The RMHC of Central Iowa scholarship committee met in April and reviewed many deserving applications. The 2008 RMHC scholarship winners are:

Kelli Paris, Altoona  
Paige Hinners, Manning  
Jordan Benson, Newton  
Kiley Swanson, Dayton  
Kaleb Groenenboom, Oskaloosa  
Erika Pletcher, Newton  
Carroyl Shepard, Lynnville  
Kaela DeBruin, Oskaloosa  
Abbey Moffit, West Des Moines  
Jared Johnson, Creston

The following Iowa counties are served by the RMHC of Central Iowa Scholarship program:

Appanoose, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Dallas, Franklin, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hardin, Humbolt, Jasper, Kossuth, Lucas, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Polk, Powesheik, Story, Union, Wapello, Warren and Webster.

To find out more information about our scholarship program, please call Brenda Miller, Executive Director at **515-243-2111** or email [Brenda@rmhdesmoines.org](mailto:Brenda@rmhdesmoines.org).



# WE LOVE VISITORS!

From time to time, families who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House come back to visit. We love seeing familiar faces and hearing their stories!



Becky and Nathan Faris



Bridgett, Dave, Corey, Justin and Brady Bailey came to visit on August 9th before attending the Governor's Charity Steer Show where they purchased a steer in support of the Ronald McDonald Houses of Iowa.



Alexis, Mallory & Katie Fowler, Cindy Bowler, Loma Green

## Governor's Charity Steer Show

The 26th Annual Governor's Charity Steer Show raised \$100,550 this year for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Iowa. The Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association sponsor the annual steer show and auction. Governor Chet Culver hosted the 2008 event that was held August 9, 2008 at the Iowa State Fair.

## Bissell and Local Volunteers Join Forces to Give Des Moines Ronald McDonald House a Spring Clean Up

On June 5th the Ronald McDonald House received a spring cleaning with the help of Nationwide Insurance's "Positioning Yourself for Success" group and floor care innovator, Bissell Homecare, Inc.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the talent in this group," said Brenda Miller, Executive Director. "They not only deep cleaned the House using products provided through Bissell, they were able to install two new dishwashers, a new stove and they set up a new TV in the dining room." Appliances were provided through national donor, Brand Source.

Bissell is a worldwide sponsor of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.



"Positioning Yourself for Success" group from Nationwide Insurance:

George Trice and Jon Weber from Nationwide install a new dishwasher

# Thanks for Making Our Golf Outing a Success!

On May 28, more than 228 golfers participated in our 27th Annual Golf Outing at Beaver Creek.

This event continues to be a success because of the many businesses and individuals who generously donate their time and resources. We would like to acknowledge the sponsors that helped make this possible:

## TITLE SPONSORS

John Cox, Coca-Cola USA McDonalds  
IREM (Iowa Institute of Real Estate Management)

## SPONSORS

3E Electrical Engineering & Equipment/  
Squared  
A+ Lawn & Landscape  
Accident Fund Insurance  
American Family Insurance  
ASI-Modulex  
Baker Group  
Baldinger Bakery / East Balt Bakeries  
Buresh Home Solutions  
Care Initiatives  
Central Financial Group  
Coca-Cola  
Cremers Holtzbauer & Nearmyer, P.C.  
Data Power Technology  
Dice Holdings, Inc.  
Draper Kramer  
Fessler Carbonic Gas Co.  
First American Bank  
Hamco Walker Paper Co.  
Hanson, Bjork & Russell, LLP  
Hessler, Nadine  
Hogan Law Office  
Hummel's Nissan  
Insurance Assoc./Gary Lewis  
Iowa Health – Des Moines  
Iowa Network Services  
IREM (Iowa Institute of Real Estate Management)  
Kabel Business Services  
Karsh\Hagan  
KCCI - TV  
Kimco  
Kline, Dr. Tom & Gary Lucas  
Koester Construction  
Larry's Window Service, Inc.  
Marsden Building Maintenance  
Martin-Brower, Fridley  
McCormack Distributing Co., Inc.  
McDonald's – Baker, Jim & Karen  
McDonald's – Bambrook, Joe

McDonald's – Creston, Michael Kouri  
McDonald's – Dasher Management  
McDonald's – Iowa Falls, Sam Soifer  
McDonald's – Kasch, Corey  
McDonald's – Kasch, Doug (Algona)  
McDonald's – Kasch, Pat (Algona)  
McDonald's – Marshalltown (J&M Partnership)  
McDonald's – Mathson, Dick & Pat  
McDonald's – Nelson, Mike & Teri  
McDonald's – Okobodji  
McDonald's – Tass Enterprises  
McDonald's Midwest Regional Office  
Merchants Bonding Company  
Michener, Dennis & Family  
Mullins Food Products  
Musco Lighting  
NAI Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company  
OSI Industries  
Otis Elevator (Gregg Murphy)  
Pech, Jim  
Perficut Lawn & Landscape  
S&D Coffee  
Simplex Grinnell  
Smith Barney  
Stecker Design  
Toyota of Des Moines  
Tyson Foods  
US Bank  
Vroman Group, The  
Waste Management of Iowa, Inc.  
Weitz Co., The  
Wellmark BC/BS  
Wells Fargo Company  
Wolin Mechanical-Electrical

In addition to our sponsors, we would like to thank those businesses and individuals who donated items and services for this event. For a complete listing of donors, please visit [www.rmhdesmoines.org](http://www.rmhdesmoines.org)

And of course, we can't forget the numerous volunteers who helped make our golf outing a success. With over 60 people helping, the day went smoothly and we couldn't have done it without you.

**Thank you our sponsors,  
donors and volunteers  
for your commitment  
to the Ronald McDonald  
House!**



# LOVE LETTERS

Thank you so much for all you did for us during our stay at the Ronald McDonald House. The boys loved "helping" Al and all the attention everyone paid to them. You were life savers in the midst of a stressful situation. God's blessings on you all as you continue this important work.

Roy & Judy Sommers

We thank you so much for the enjoyable stay we've had at the Ronald McDonald House. Caleb's 7-week stay at Blank Children's Hospital was quite a trial in our lives. God has supplied us with many blessings through this time. The best blessing is Caleb's returned health and second, the time we spent at the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you so much!

Jeph, Robin, Slayde, Zeke & Caleb Rose

Dear RMH Staff,

Thanks so much for letting my Advisory class come and tour your facility. It's great to learn about all the different ways people can contribute to your organization.

Sincerely Laura Brooks and her Advisory class

Florence,

Thank you for the tour your gave our club of your building. We had a great time!

Lucky Charmers 4H

Ronald McDonald House Friends:

We want to thank you for opening your home to us while our son, Jeremy, was in the hospital. It was a comfortable home away from home. The food was delicious! Thank you also for the bags of gifts for Jeremy. He was so overwhelmed with all the wonderful items. We thank God for the ministry he has given there. May God Bless you as you meet the needs of others like us.

Arlin, Ruth Anne & Jeremy Dirksen

In our time here we thought that we were getting a place to stay the night. But you gave us so much more. You gave us a family to go along with it. Thank you for all you have given us as we waited for Sammy to come home.

Jon, Megan, Isaac, Gabriel, Chloe and Samuel Lorenz.



Jonathan and Megan Lorenz and family preparing to go home.

## Wish List

### KITCHEN

Frozen Meals  
Frozen Pizzas  
Individual Snack Foods  
Cheese Slices  
Coffee Creamer  
Coffee Filters  
Frosting  
Meat  
Sugar

### GENERAL ITEMS

Clorox  
Fabric Softener Sheets  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Postage Stamps  
Large Ziploc Bags  
Glade or Renuzit plug in refills  
Garbage Bags: 8, 4 and 13 gallon sizes

### IMMEDIATE NEEDS!

Snack food items  
Cereal  
Hand Soap  
Dishwasher Soap  
Sink Dish Soap  
Lysol Disinfectant Spray  
Paper Plates  
Laundry Detergent

# Leaving a Legacy

Many people give generously to the Ronald McDonald House during their lifetime, but often don't consider the possibility of including us in their estate planning. Remembering the House in your will or other estate plan demonstrates your belief in our mission, and reinforces your commitment to making a difference in the lives of seriously-ill children and their families we serve.

Your planned gift **helps us plan** for the future, knowing that we'll be able to continue providing essential resources for families of children with critical illnesses.

There are many ways to consider leaving a legacy:

- Deferred gift annuity
- Will or bequest
- Life insurance beneficiary
- Gifts of cash
- Gifts of real estate
- Gifts of securities
- For those 70 1/2 or older, gifts using funds transferred from your IRA.
- Bequest a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, or a residual amount (remainder) of your estate once other beneficiaries and needs have been taken care of.

Please feel free to contact the House about planned giving opportunities by calling 515-243-2111. You may also contact us by using the reply tear off below.

The hope you give to others through your generosity directly reflects the measure of joy and satisfaction you receive in return.

Please send me more information about opportunities for making a planned gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa, Inc.

I have already remembered Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa, Inc. in my estate plans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2008 Fall Gala is just around the corner, **Saturday, October 11th** at The Meadows Convention Center in Altoona, Iowa. Contact the House to make your reservation today. You can also visit our web site at [www.rmhdsmoines.org](http://www.rmhdsmoines.org) to get additional information.



## What is World Children's Day?

In November, McDonald's® holds a 12-day fundraising promotion (November 20 is the actual date of World Children's Day) for Ronald McDonald House Charities®. Money is raised in two ways:

1. Through the paper hands sold to customers for only \$1
2. Through meal contribution ( \$1 of each qualifying meal sold goes to RMHC®)

Be sure to mark your calendar and eat at your area McDonald Restaurant on November 20, 2008 to support your local Ronald McDonald House.

# Volunteers & Donors Make



Volunteers from ProStaff prepare a St. Patrick's Day dinner.



Jodi Gruening, Mandy Russell, Jennifer Butler and Joan Sheridan of the Principal Financial Group used Volunteer Time Off from their jobs and painted the railings on the front of the House a nice bright yellow.



Girl Scout Troop #495 from Allerton, Iowa delivered Girl Scout Cookies to the House.



Board President Jim Pech and co-workers at Principal Bank provide a meal once a month for the families that stay at the House.



The WHH 4-H Club from Williams, Iowa volunteered by cleaning and cooking at the House. The kids enjoyed their day helping others.

# it Possible!



The Payton Churdan National Honor Society spent several hours at the House baking and cleaning.



Autotrader.com regularly prepares meals for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. They also volunteered at this year's Run for Ronald event, and added to the festivities by providing a large inflatable gorilla!

## Our Way of Saying Thank You

The Des Moines Ronald McDonald House held its annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Monday, April 28th at the Ronald McDonald House. This is an opportunity for the RMH staff and Board of Directors to recognize our loving relief volunteers and other regular volunteers who gratefully donate their time and effort with great dedication to our families.

Each year we recognize a volunteer as our Volunteer of the Year. The recipient of this year's award is Kathy Carson. Kathy's tireless dedication to the House shines through every project she takes on. Kathy is the co-chair of our annual Run for Ronald event. She has also helped organize and oversee volunteers at our 25th anniversary celebration, helped organize the annual company-wide Principal Restock for Ronald and helps cook and arrange a monthly meal through Principal. With dedicated volunteers like Kathy we are able to provide the families with this wonderful "home away from home."



Standing: Pam Hellman, Mary Lou Grotewold, Sharon Sprague, Paul Sprague, Cara Love, Linda Gilpin, Hope Herrmann, Susan Hertzberg and Stephanie Hoch

Seated: Martha Witt, Lexi Schlafer, Kathy Carson, Chauncy Faidley, Laura Fraczek and Marilee Myers

The following volunteers  
have logged **525.25** Relief Help hours from  
February 1st, 2008 through July 31, 2008:

Sarah Claiborne  
Robin Elliot  
Chauncy Faidley  
Laura Fraczek  
Alicia Gieger  
Linda Gilpin  
Iris Gorsche

Mary Lou Grotewold  
Pam Hellman  
Hope Herrmann  
Susan Hertzberg  
Stephanie Hoch  
Joyce Knock  
Joan Lucas

Jessica Lyon  
Marilee Myers  
Nicole Reynolds  
Rachel Williams  
Martha Witt

It's dedicated volunteers like these that help make this a "Home Away From Home." If you would like to find out more about our Relief Help just call the House and talk to Tiffany or Denise.

# Thank you to our donors

**Contributions from February 1, 2008 to July 31, 2008**

The Ronald McDonald House of Des Moines, Iowa is supported by the donations of individuals and local businesses. We would like to thank all of the people who have made these generous donations to support the House. The following is a list of donations posted through the above dates. Should there be any omissions, please write, call or e-mail the House.

The Academy	Howell, Dennis & Donna	St. Paul's United Church of Christ	Debner, Lori
Adair County 4-H Youth Council	Howell, Mary	Steinbach, Kerri	Des Moines Jaycees
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Ames	ING	Stringtown Church	Des Moines Marriott
Anderson, Debbie	Jensen, Ross & Melissa	Sweet, Rick & Amy	DMACC Urban Campus
Audubon Junior High School	Karsh\Hagan	Terrus Real Estate Group	Dowling High School
Hasan Baadhaim and Amal Basaffar(H)	Kelderman, Corwin & Rosemary	United Fund of Coon Rapids & Union Township	Drake University
Backus, James	Kiwanis Foundation of Des Moines	United Steel Workers Local 164	Driscoll, Theresa
Bassett, Cheryl	La Sertoma Club of Des Moines	United Way of Central Iowa	Dunkard Brethren
Birchmier, Colleen	Laird, Erika & Shane	Urbandale Lioness Club	The Earle Family
Bissell, Jerry & Bonnie	Lebeck, John	USA-Mineapolis Circulation	Eastman, Diane
Bliss, B.J.	Lentz, Alan & Jetta	Van Horn Family Trust	Eilertson, Rachel & Dylan
Broker Dealers Financial Services	Lineville Community VBS	Van Pelt, Shawn	EMC Insurance
Broman, Katie	Livermore United Methodist Church Women	VerSteege, Erma	Fellowship Community Church
Brown, Jerry & Sheila	Long, Heather	Walter, Bryan & Beth	First Baptist Church
Bryan, Mike & Kimberly	Lorenz, Jill & Ron	Warren, Terri & Craig	Fowler, Katie & Gary
Carson, Kathy	Madden, Richard & Monese	Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign	GAP – Adults Store at Valley West Mall #5201
Clarion-Goldfield Community School District	Martz, Howard & Teresa	West, Tamara	GAP – North Grand Mall #5209
Clearfield United Methodist Church	Midwest Women Operator Network	Willey, Steven	Gilpin, Linda
Communications Data Services	Monsanto Fund	Young, Ann & Craig	Girl Scout Troop # 495
Daly, Patrick & Catherine	Nelson, Bonny & Dean	Zion Lutheran Church	Girl Scout Troop # 806 (Daisies)
Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center	Nelson, Forest & Virginia		Girl Scout Troop # 925
Dillard's	Nielson, Jason & Sherry		Girl Scout Troop #410
Dixon, David	O'Connor, Larry		Green, Lisa
Dorn, Natalie	Overman, Sara		The Harne Family
Dowling High School	Pampered Chef		Havekost, Alexander
Downing, Jim & Sharon	Parisho, Melissa		Heidemann, Kim
EDS	Paton-Churdan High School		Herting, Janie
Ehmen, Jim	Patrick, Teri		Hiatt, Libby
Ernst, Dennis & Mary	Pech, James		Hick, Norman & Betty
Fairview Working Band	Pederson, Jed		Hubby, Deb
Fire Inspectors & Administrative Staff	Pella Rolscreen Foundation		Huddle, Grant
First Christian Church, Albia	Phillips, David		ING
Folden, Linda & Dennis	Piepel, Matt		ING – DMC
Forucci, Anthony	Pizza Ranch		Jacobus, Heather
Girl Scout Troop #207	Powers, Emily		Jennings, Brad & Brittany
Godfrey, Clayton & Stacy	Quinones, Vicki		Juel, Devin & Krista
Good Sam Hillbillies Camping Club	Ranard, Wesley & Susan		Kaas, Alexandra
Graves, Neil	Ronald McDonald House Charities		Kappi Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity
Greene, Landon & Jessica	Sarcone, John & Nancy		Lepley, Julie
Grove Champions 4-H Club	Scheels		Lingwall, Sheila
Gustafson, Philip & Susan	Scheidt, Michael		Luksan, Natalie
Hass, Jamie & John	Schmitz, Kimberly		Mcllhon, Linda & Daniel
Hamaker, Clint & Judy	Schramm, Mr. & Mrs. Leon		McKinley Church of Christ
Hansch, Gordon & Lois	Schwartz, Sienna & Paul		McNeely, Shawn & Amy
Heather Manor Gift Shop	Sharpe, Tim & Gibbs, Linda		The McQuiston Family
Highland Park Presbyterian Church	Slusinski, Peter & Jacqueline		Melcher, Kristin
Holt, Jessica	Smith, JoAnn		Miller, Lori
	Smith, Christopher & Mitzi		Miller, Nuelyn & Linda
	Smith, S.P. & D.A.		Minkler, Deb & Sarah
	St. Augustin's Parish		MJ'S Day Care
			Morris, Margie
			Mucho Bono

Mulcahy, Kelli  
 Nationwide Insurance  
 Niehaus, Michael  
 Oakridge Neighborhood &  
 Neighborhood Services  
 P. Buckley Moss Society  
 Pedersen, Terry & Sandy  
 Principal Financial Group  
 Principal Volunteer Network  
 Pro Staff  
 Rasmussen, Jared & Cindy  
 Rial, Tim & Lisa  
 Rice, Erin  
 Savala, Samantha  
 Scarbrough, Lisa  
 Schaefer, David  
 Scholten, Mindy & Gary  
 Sherman Sunbeams 4-H Club  
 Silent Hands  
 Singh, Lily, Ajeet & Amarpreet  
 Sisters In Service  
 (Bible Study Group)  
 Smith, Brad & Tami  
 Sonora Grange #2176  
 South Gate Rainbow Girls  
 The Sperry Family  
 St. Aidan's Angelican Church  
 St. Francis of Assisi  
 St. John's Lutheran Church  
 Stern, Randi & John  
 Summers, Judy & Roger  
 The Swain Family  
 Tripp, Emily  
 United Steel Workers Local 164  
 Urbandale High School  
 Valley High School  
 Waggoner, Sam & Joe  
 Waste Management of Iowa  
 Weishar, Donna  
 Wells, Carol  
 Wells Fargo Commercial Banking  
 Wells Fargo Financial  
 Wenthe, Sue  
 WHH, 4-H  
 Wise, Julie

## Cleaning

Iowa Central Community College  
 Adair County 4-H Youth Council  
 Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Ames  
 Anderson, Daryl  
 Dowling High School  
 Drake University  
 Drake University Football Team  
 EMC Insurance  
 Farrell, Megan  
 Fellowship Community Church  
 First Baptist Church  
 Gelb, Claire  
 Howe, Harold & Nate  
 ING  
 Iowa Central Community College  
 Eischeid, Jeb  
 Lee, Melissa  
 Melcher, Kristin

Nationwide Insurance  
 Orient-Macksburg  
 National Honor Society  
 Payton, Jewel  
 People To People (Australia)  
 Pettuff, Robin  
 Reed, Bethany  
 Reed, Santino  
 Rice, Jessica  
 Rieck, Erin  
 Sisters In Service  
 (Bible Study Group)  
 Skinner, Whitney  
 Smith, Nicole  
 Smith, Teija  
 South Gate Rainbow Girls  
 Summit Middle School  
 Tripp, Emily  
 Urbandale High School  
 Vavroch, Lisa  
 WHH, 4-H

## In-Kind Donations

10K Tumble Games  
 The Academy  
 AHEPA  
 Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Ames  
 American Enterprise Group  
 American Legion Auxiliary, Jr.  
 Anderson, Daryl  
 Andreoli, Aren  
 Autotrader.Com  
 Baker, Leanne & Carrol  
 Bakkin, Krystin  
 Boomershine, Connie  
 Branstad Phillips, Sam & Tommy  
 Brown, Amy  
 Brownie Troop #473, Waukee  
 Brownie Troop #761  
 Broyles, Mr. & Mrs. Jr.  
 Carder, Rosemary  
 Carr, Randi  
 Children's Wish Foundation  
 International, Inc.  
 Collins, Isabel  
 Communications Data Services  
 Cunningham, Sharon  
 Daisy – Troop #243  
 Daly, Chris  
 Darrell, Lisa  
 Davis County Girl Scout  
 Service Unit  
 Deloitte & Touche LLP  
 Dieck, Greta  
 DiPaolo, Jenni  
 DOES #25  
 Doughten, Mrs. William  
 Eisenbacher, Jill  
 Ellingboe, Steven & Keri  
 England, Mike  
 Ernst, Dennis & Mary Ann  
 Fees, Mr. John  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Frahm, Marcia  
 Gauley, Katie  
 Gentry, April & James  
 Girl Scout Troop #1024  
 Girl Scout Troop #130  
 Girl Scout, Brownie Troop #366  
 Raccoon Valley Girl Scouts  
 Gods Comfort Angels  
 Good Sam Hillbillies  
 Camping Club  
 Goodale, Tommy  
 Hampton, Marcia  
 Harmony Hour Study Club  
 Houston, Johnny  
 Howell, Dennis & Donna  
 Indianola Church of Christ  
 The Jewish Federation  
 Community School  
 Jones, Sharon  
 Pfrimmer, Kahala  
 Ladely, Amanda  
 Laurel Elementary School  
 Lawler, Natalie  
 Leonard, Shirley  
 Lester, Betty  
 Little, Evelyn  
 Lucky Chарmer's 4-H Club  
 Luksan, Natalie  
 Lyddon, Ed & Anna  
 Manley, April  
 Mc Connell, Patty  
 MediMax Communications, Inc.  
 Mercy Home Care and Hospice  
 Mertz, Michelle  
 Miller, Maya & Danielle  
 Mitchell, Matt  
 Mollett, Arnold & Vicki  
 MOMS Club Of West Des Moines  
 Murphy, Zoe  
 Musin, Jill  
 Myers, Gina  
 Nehmer, Marion & Gary  
 North Polk West Elementary  
 School  
 Nyden-Bullock, Tammy  
 Our Lady's Immaculate Heart  
 PEO, Chapter Q  
 Piffer, Susan  
 Polk County Treasurer  
 Pose, Sammy Jo  
 Prairie Ridge Church  
 Principal Financial Group  
 Principal Volunteer Network  
 Pullen, Keith  
 Rial, Tim & Lisa  
 Rogers, Patty & Dick  
 Rotert, Joan  
 Rouse, Sheila  
 Rowat, Eileen  
 Sabin, Jerry & Sheila  
 Schmitz, Dean  
 Scholes, Becky  
 Selecman, Nancy  
 Sheldahl United Methodist  
 Church Women  
 Sherman Sunbeams 4-H Club  
 Singh, Dr. Darshan

Smith, Brad & Tami  
 Smith, Kathy  
 St. Augustin's Parish  
 St. Boniface Faith Formation  
 St. Elizabeth Seton,  
 Conformation Class  
 St. Francis of Assisi  
 Stearns, Dorothy  
 Steppuhn-Henderson, Tami  
 Stern, Randi & John  
 Sugar Grove Grange, #2044  
 Summers, Judy & Roger  
 The American Legion  
 Auxiliary – Jr's  
 The Pella Corporation  
 Lumber Plant  
 Todavich, Heather  
 Trinity Lutheran Church ELCW  
 Urbandale Lioness Club  
 Van Derbeek, Heather  
 Walgreen's Store #5060  
 Waste Management of Iowa  
 Waychoff, Mindy & Bill  
 Wells Fargo Financial  
 West Des Moines Christian  
 Church  
 Westover Baptist Church  
 Westphal, Larry & Liz  
 WHH, 4-H  
 Willey, Greg  
 Williams, Linda Lee  
 Wise, Julie  
 Woodland Hills Church of Christ

## Pop Tabs

The Academy  
 AHEPA  
 Allied Group, Ins.  
 Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Ames  
 Altoona Christian Church  
 Altoona Lions Club  
 American Legion Auxiliary  
 American Legion Auxiliary, Jr.  
 American Veterans  
 Ames Elementary Schools  
 Audubon Junior High School  
 Baker, Jean  
 Bondurant-Farrar  
 Jr./Sr High School  
 Boyd, Craig & Lea  
 Brubaker Elementary  
 Bush, Jason & Kelli  
 Cambridge United Methodist  
 Church  
 Capitol View Elementary  
 Centennial United Methodist  
 Church of Ivy  
 Central Elementary School  
 Central United Methodist Church  
 Children's Health Center  
 Cunningham, Sharon  
 Davis County Girl Scout  
 Service Unit  
 Davis, Peggy  
 Davita Central

Dawson, Kari  
 Deloitte & Touche LLP  
 Des Moines Area Quilters Guild  
 Douglas, Elizabeth  
 Dowling High School  
 Downtown School  
 Eagle Grove Elementary  
 Elliot, Robin  
 Esters, Billy & Loey  
 Faith United Methodist Church  
 Faris, Jon & Becky  
 Ferden, Ken  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Fischer, Jackson  
 Gods Comfort Angels  
 Good Sam Hillbillies  
 Camping Club  
 Greenwood Elementary School  
 Hall, Jean  
 Hiler, Janice & Michael  
 Howell, Michael  
 IMMC Blood Bank Staff  
 Indianola Church of Christ  
 ING  
 Iowa Cornbelt Campers  
 Iowa State Bank  
 Iowa State University  
 Irving Elementary School  
 Jessen, Matthew  
 Juel, Devin & Krista  
 Kane, Jeane  
 Kephart, Nancy & Roger  
 Kinseth, Ramona  
 Kramer, Ellen  
 Lee, Elizabeth & Carr, Quinnette  
 Leonard, Shirley  
 Lingwall, Sheila  
 Livermore United Methodist  
 Church Women  
 Madison County Youth Council  
 Manley, April  
 Martin, Lisa  
 Mohr, Maurine  
 Moulton-Udell Elementary  
 Mozena, Ronald & Wanda  
 Nichols, Robyn  
 Nikkel, Joann  
 Omega Nu  
 Opportunity Living  
 Osceola United Methodist  
 Church  
 Our Lady's Immaculate Heart  
 Parkview Middle School  
 Paulsen, Dean  
 Payne, Nettie  
 People To People (Australia)  
 Porter, Mathew  
 Prairie City United Methodist  
 Church  
 Principal Financial Group

Reynolds, R.J.  
 Riley, Joann  
 Rockwell City/Lytton  
 Middle School  
 Rye, Shaeyla  
 Sacred Heart School  
 Schneider, Richard & Sheri  
 Scholes, Becky  
 Seehusen, Nikki  
 Seel, John  
 Shannon, Janice & Scott  
 Shneider, Sherri  
 Spafford, Dan & Wendy  
 Spatz, Tom  
 St. Anthony's School  
 St. Boniface Faith Formation  
 St. Francis of Assisi  
 St. Mark Lutheran Church  
 St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
 Stripe, Katelyn  
 Studebaker Elementary  
 Sudman, Brandon  
 Swacker, Susan  
 Talbot, Lora & Russ  
 Tarbell, Becky  
 The American Legion  
 Auxiliary - Jr's  
 Thompson, Jean  
 Thompson, LaMoya & Edna  
 TMC Transportation  
 Traver, Chad  
 United Methodist  
 Church of Slater  
 Van Zee, Rita  
 Vanderlinden, Christy  
 Vargas, Nicole  
 Walnut Creek Campus  
 The Watering Hole  
 Waukee United Methodist  
 Church  
 Westphal, David  
 Winterset Elementary School  
 Wolcott, Ken  
 Women of Steele – Local 164  
 Young, Rob & Don

### Grant

AVIVA Life and Annuity Co.

### United Way

Dixon, Raye  
 Dunlay, Shane  
 Hamling, Mabel  
 Hutchins, Tiffanie  
 Schrock, Casey  
 Terhark, Christine E.  
 Trowbridge, Mark

### Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

Arnold, Amma  
 Burks, Amy  
 Coston, Barbara  
 DiPaolo, Jenni  
 Hale, Kevin  
 Lyon, Jessica  
 Poppe, James  
 Puls, Jodi  
 Thilges, Tara

### Share-A-Night

Arnold, Kay & Chris  
 Ryon, Dale

### ING

The following employees at different times came to the House and prepared meals for the residents:

Bailey, Annie  
 Davis, Kim  
 Garnett, Sue  
 Kovacevich, Kathy  
 Oxley, Suzy  
 Patterson, Kristi  
 Reed, Bonnie  
 Schmidt, Amber  
 Webber, Tracey  
 Wittery, Julie  
 Wright, Tricia

### ING Charitable Giving Program

Heck, Timothy  
 Kinnes, Tammy  
 Patrick, Dale  
 Peters, Jay  
 Sorrel, Stuart

### Nationwide Insurance/Bissell Clean Up Day

Cordts, Jeff  
 Dvorak, Matt  
 Folkerts, Teresa  
 Gray, Jeff  
 Hernandez, Yesenia  
 Jellings, Joe  
 Leman, Guy  
 Maass, Melissa  
 Nederhoff, Melissa  
 Phonesavanh, Vone  
 Potter, Danielle  
 Snitkey, Erin  
 Trice, George  
 VanderWeerd, Adam  
 Vessely, Chris  
 Weber, John  
 Westrope, Abbie

### Principal-Re-Stock for Ronald

The following helped deliver and re-stock the House with many food and toiletry items collected company wide.

Butterbaugh, Lisa  
 Carson, Kathy  
 Gilpin, Linda  
 Grubb, Rosemary  
 Kraber, Kathy  
 Padgett, Martha  
 Pech, Jim

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**Waste Management of Iowa**

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**Winning Solutions, Inc.**

## Memorials

### Cunningham, Robert Memorial

From: Hoyman, William & Jane  
From: Kuening  
From: Nelson, Lyndon  
From: Shull & Co., P.C.  
From: Sparks, Jody  
From: St. Mary's Legion Post 716  
From: Walker, B.G. & D.E.

### Evans, Harvey Memorial

From: Oppedal, Roy

### Evans, Jim Memorial

From: Oppedal, Roy

### Everling, Maxine Memorial

From: Zeroni, Irene & McFadin, Rosemary

### Forest, Patricia Memorial

From: Carnock, Dave & Mary  
From: Hauptert, Lynda & David  
From: Rinard, Brian & Renee

### Franz, Leland Memorial

From: Morgan, Martha

### Hadley, Elizabeth Memorial

From: Hadley, Howard

### Henningson, Elaine Memorial

From: Oppedal, Roy

### Knutson, Lois Memorial

From: Oppedal, Roy

### McMillan, Richard Memorial

From: Benson, Paul & Pam  
From: Kile, R.L.  
From: McMillan, Annett

### Walter, Briley Memorial

From: Baker, M.J. & N.R.  
From: Clarke, William & Katherine  
From: Coram, Stephanie  
From: Cox, Judalyn & Garry  
From: Cox, Marcia & Shane  
From: Crandall, Teri  
From: Davis Farms  
From: Decker, J.S. & L.S.  
From: Funk, James  
From: Gentry, Terri & Randy  
From: Goodin, Harriet  
From: Goodin, James & Tami  
From: Greenlee, Christine  
From: Hagberg, Lewanda  
From: Harden, Richard & Doneta  
From: Jones, Cathy & Robert  
From: Marshall, Marla

From: Milan Presbyterian Church  
From: Moore, Dixianna  
From: Schoonover, Rodney & Jessie  
From: Spilker, Rollan  
From: Stephens, Carolyn  
From: Swaim, Kristie  
From: Thiele, Ivan & Debra  
From: Waldron, Janet

## Tributes

### In Honor of Whitney Elliot

From: Marsha Bell

### In Honor of Herman Hathcock

From: Polly Hathcock

### In Honor of Laine Stoll

From: Kim & Terry Clark

### In Honor of Eileen Hoffman

From: Pat Oleson

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Make checks payable to  
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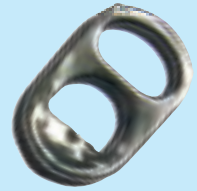
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# POP TABS

Pictured are just a few of the groups and individuals who delivered pop tabs to the House.



Mrs. Buckner's 2nd/3rd grade class from Des Moines' Downtown School spent several months collecting pop tabs and using them to sharpen their math skills before delivering them to the House.



On his way to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade, Brett Dawson delivered pop tabs and decorated green cookies for the families.



David Westphal delivers pop tabs to the House.



Nikki Seehusen of Pocahontas delivered 348.6 pounds of pop tabs!

# SAVE THE DATES

**OCT  
11**

**October 11, 2008**

Fall Gala event at the Prairie Meadows Convention Center in Altoona

**MAY  
16**

**May 16, 2009**

9th Annual Run for Ronald event, Blank Park Zoo

**MAY  
27**

**May 27, 2009**

28th Annual Golf Outing event,

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