

HOME FOR DINNER

Why?

When your family is away from home, is there anything more appealing than the prospect of a home-cooked meal? Families who stay at Ronald McDonald House while their children are being treated at the hospital are away from home for weeks or months at a time. Imagine how it warms their hearts – especially during such a stressful time – to return to a home-cooked meal, lovingly prepared by community volunteers.

What?

What you decide to bring is completely up to you; in most cases it is lunch or dinner and dessert. Some of the favourites are: BBQ chicken, hamburgers, Shish Kabobs, Casseroles, Theme Dinners (Mexican, Italian), Roast Turkey or Beef. Vegetarian options are also appreciated. Salads, buns, vegetables, fresh fruit, home baking and desserts are always a big hit at our house. As is Sunday brunch! We usually have plenty of drinks like coffee, juice and pop. We do have a BBQ.

Who?

We have 15 families who stay at the house and we suggest preparing for approximately 25 to 30 people. Our Home for Dinner program is a great way for community groups, friends and corporate teams to come together for team building and to contribute to their community. Please talk to us if your group is larger than five or six people.

One of the best things about Ronald McDonald House is the Home for Dinner program. If it weren't for those delicious meals, many nights I wouldn't have eaten at all. The kindness of perfect strangers truly gave me the strength I needed each day.

When?

Please schedule a date for your group by calling 905-521-9983. (We book as far as six months in advance.) At that time, we can also answer any other questions you may have. We love to tell our families what you are planning to prepare so please call at least one week in advance so we can post a menu. Preparing individual servings in plastic containers that can be frozen is also greatly appreciated by our families.

Please note: If you feel unwell or have been exposed to a communicable disease, please do not participate in the Home for Dinner program or visit the house.



How?

Full access to the kitchen is provided for you to cook here. Some volunteers choose to cook offsite and bring in the prepared meal. Many people are surprised that there is no set time for dinner. Some families come back for dinner and others reheat the leftovers when they return from the hospital late in the evening. We usually have dinner out between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Please understand as well that families may not be present at the house when you are here to cook at dinner time. Our families' top priority is being near their sick child – they may be at the hospital when you are here.

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