Many families find the holidays difficult being away from home and extended family while caring for a seriously ill child. Families staying at Ronald McDonald House Houston can share the wonder of the

What people remember about family and holidays are not the gifts—it is those magical moments when family and friends are gathered; sharing, laughing, and making memories of a lifetime.

As a home away from home for families with seriously ill children, RMH Houston strives to be a community of care, compassion and hope. Help us bring the holidays home this season.

Tis the Season for Joy

Tis the Season for Family

Tis the Season for Home

If you are crafty and want a special DIY project—we need Santa Sacks! We are looking for 100 fabric bags (drawstring or tie) about 36” x 27” or larger. Stockings are needed also! These can be homemade or purchased new. 100 stockings to be filled for Christmas morning! Wrapping Gifts is another amazing way to have a small part in our holly jolly holiday! Contact Colleen Dillahunty if you are interested in one of these projects! More information on the back of this page.

Help stock Santa’s Workshop! The week before Christmas, parents select gifts for their children. Kids are given a chance to shop or make a gift for their parents. Volunteers will wrap and stow them. Santa’s helpers will place gifts at each door for Christmas morning! Our in-hospital programs at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital, MD Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital & Texas Children’s Hospital will be spreading cheer with Pop-Up Santa Stops!

All Gifts need by December 12. Items must be NEW, UNWRAPPED and in ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

Gift Cards: Visa, MasterCard or Target
Sports equipment & memorabilia,
Bikes, trikes, wagons & scooters (Helmets, Too!)
Jewelry, sunglasses & phone accessories
Robes, mittens, cozy socks, young adult books
Legos, superhero & princess themed toys
Infant & toddler clothing, toys, accessories

Memories & Magic

You can shop online with just a click, tap, or swipe! Click here ▶ Amazon Wish List

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Ronald McDonald House Houston offers a home away from home providing care, compassion and hope to families with seriously ill children being treated in Texas Medical Center member institutions.
Thank you for supporting the 2019 Holiday season at Ronald McDonald House Houston. Many family members find the holidays difficult while caring for a child undergoing treatment for significant medical issues away from home. Your gifts make it possible for them to experience some of the joy of Christmas together.

**Our Holiday Wish List**

The easiest way to shop is with our Amazon Wish List. You can share our Wish List with family and friends, shop from home and have items delivered directly to us. Use your Smile account and designate RMH Houston as your charity for an extra donation from Amazon! When shopping, whether on Amazon or local, please review the following:

- **OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS**
  - Gift Cards (Amazon, MasterCard, Visa or Target are the best)
  - Bicycles, Tricycles, Scooters, Wagons (include safety gear such as helmets and pads!)
  - Electronics & Accessories (Fit gear, smart watches, tablets, wireless headphones)
  - Infant & Toddler Gifts (Blankets, Clothing, Toys, Essentials)

Click HERE to shop our Amazon Holiday Wish List!

**SOME TRENDS TO SEARCH FOR UNIQUE GIFTS:**

- Oprah’s Favorite Things
- Frozen and Star Wars (new movies coming out)
- Disney Princesses
- Superheroes (Marvel & DC Universes)
- Top Toys or Top Gifts 2019

Santa already has some gifts! No stuffed animals, books, or puzzles please! All gifts must be **NEW, UNWRAPPED**, and in their **ORIGINAL PACKAGING**. Items can be dropped off/delivered any day, 9 AM to 8 PM, beginning Sunday, December 1. All gifts are needed by Thursday, December 12. Holcombe House is located at 1907 Holcombe Boulevard, on the corner of Holcombe and Cambridge Street in the Texas Medical Center.

**Memories & Magic**

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If you (or a group of friends) are crafty and want a special **DIY PROJECT**—we need Santa Sacks! We are looking for 100 fabric bags (drawstring or tie) about 36” x 27” or larger. The internet has amazing plans and how-tos. Here is one we liked!

**Supplies**

- Bondaweb
- Pinking shears
- Glue
- Thread
- Ribbon, buttons, & cotton fabric pieces
- 2 rectangles of cotton fabric 80cm x 60cm for sack
- 2 rectangles of cotton fabric 80cm x 60cm for lining

1. Draw a Christmas tree motif about 40cm tall and a pot about 10cm tall, or ‘Noel’ letters about 20cm tall.
2. Trace onto the paper side of Bondaweb – the ‘Noel’ letters must be in reverse.
3. Iron the Bondaweb to the wrong side of the fabric and cut out, using pinking shears.
4. Peel off the backing paper and iron onto the front of one fabric rectangle.
5. Glue or sew a ribbon bow and colorful buttons to the Christmas tree shape.

**Now make the sacks**

1. Right sides together, pin and stitch the two sack sections together at the sides and lower edge. Repeat for the lining.
2. Press 15cm onto the wrong side around the top of both the sack and the lining.
3. With the sack right side out and lining wrong side out. insert the lining into the sack.
4. Pin and stitch the two pieces together around the top edge.

Stockings are needed also! These can be handmade or purchased new. 100 stockings to be filled for Christmas morning! Here is a handy list of **DIY STOCKINGS**

Wrapping Gifts is another amazing way to have a small part in our holly jolly holiday! Wrappers and shopping assistants are needed December 18 – 24. If setting up and merchandising is your joy, we a few need helpers December 13 -17. Contact Colleen Dillahunty for more information.

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