



Keeping families close®

Family Activities Volunteer Holcombe House

ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION

Ronald McDonald House Houston (RMH 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.

ROLE PURPOSE

The Family Activities Volunteer creates a warm, hospitable environment for patients and families by helping facilitate pre-planned crafts, games, and other programming. Our Family Activities Program creates space for families to make memories, celebrate victories, and rally around challenges. The program aims to provide a true *home away from home* by offering as many normative family experiences as possible.

LOCATION

Ronald McDonald House Houston, Holcombe House, 1907 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030

SCHEDULE

Shifts are three hours, two times per month for six months to one year. Shift times are Monday - Thursday 5 pm-8 pm, Friday 4 pm-7 pm, and Saturday 10 am-1 pm.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Duties will vary depending on the needs of the House during each shift but may include:

- Preparing supplies for house activities
- Setting up, facilitating, and cleaning up Family Activity Programs
- Hosting community groups and helping with their involvement in activities
- Playing and engaging with children and teens
- Restocking Grandma's Closet items
- Organizing donations into storage spaces
- Greeting and visiting with guests

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to relate to families and children of various ages and cultural backgrounds
- Ability to comfortably engage with patients and families of seriously ill children
- Excellent organizational skills
- Creative – not afraid of glitter, paint, slime, or an occasional dance party
- Enjoys arts and crafts
- Experience working with children is very beneficial
- Self-starter who takes initiative and can work independently
- Child-at-heart – willing to get silly and get the kids involved
- Enjoys actively listening to family members
- Receptive to feedback, coaching, and experimentation.
- Collaborative team-player excited to join a small, hard-working team
- Comfortable facilitating programs for small groups of residents

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years old
- Successful completion of background check
- Complete general orientation and specific role training

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here must be met by a volunteer to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Able to regularly walk long distances, sit and stand, and reach with arms and hands, speak, and hear
- Able to lift up to 25 pounds
- Good vision up close and at a distance, good depth perception
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Dance moves or willingness to try!

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Create a Volunteer Hub account at [Ronald McDonald House Houston \(volunteerhub.com\)](https://volunteerhub.com), select **individual volunteer**, and complete the application.

After reviewing your completed application, our staff will contact you to discuss the next steps.