

Ronald McDonald House Family Room Volunteers

The Ronald McDonald House Family Room is located on the 5th floor (Pediatric Critical Care Unit) of the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. The Family Room is a place where families can come to relax and have something to eat and drink when they feel they just need to walk away from the bedside but still need to be close to their child. Family Room Volunteers help to extend the mission of our House to those families whose child is receiving treatment in the hospital, by providing warmth, support and a comfortable and quiet place that families can be together at this difficult time.

The commitment made in accepting a volunteer position in the Ronald McDonald House Family Room is an important one. Dedicated, reliable volunteers are required to keep the Family Room doors open. If we do not have volunteers, the Family Room will remain closed until the next shift volunteer arrives, thus preventing families who have a child being treated in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital from benefiting from the amenities the Family Room offers. Shifts for the Ronald McDonald House Family Room are listed below.

Shifts available:
9:00AM to 12:00 NOON
12:00 NOON to 3:00PM
3:00PM to 6:00PM
6:00PM to 9:00PM
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

- Family Room Volunteers are requested to make a one-year commitment with a minimum of two shifts per month and must be at least 18 years of age.
- Family Room Volunteers must attend a Vanderbilt Children's Hospital volunteer training to learn general operating procedures of the hospital and are trained only to be volunteers within the Ronald McDonald House Family Room.
- Family Room Volunteers are required to have the following immunizations before volunteering in the hospital can start.

Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Volunteer Requirements

Required Immunizations are:

Two Step – TB Skin Test (one within last year and one within last 3 months.)

MeaslesMumpsRubella or Rubella Titer (if born prior to 1957)

Varicella Titer (to assess immunity to Chicken Pox)

- Ronald McDonald House Charities will pay for required immunizations for all volunteers. If a volunteer commitment of six months is not met, the volunteer will be billed for the cost of immunizations.
- All Family Room Volunteers will be subject to background checks for the following items that will be checked and verified:
 - Social Security trace and address verification
 - Sexual offender database search (State of current residence)

- County criminal conviction search report (past 7 years, based on addresses from Social Security trace)
 - Education verification (highest level attained)
- Volunteers will be asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement with the hospital.

If this opportunity sounds like a match for you, click the link below to view a printable version of the Family Room Volunteer Application, fill it out completely and return it to:

Ronald McDonald House
2144 Fairfax Avenue
Nashville, TN 37212 or
Fax it to 343-4004

Once your application is received, you will be invited to attend an orientation/interview.

If you have questions about volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House Family Room, you can email the Volunteer Coordinator: volunteer@rmhnashville.com. Or you can call 615/343-4000 for more information.