

22 Denver School of Nursing Students Serve Food at Ronald McDonald House

Students Buy Groceries, Prepare Food, and Serve Dinner to Families at the Ronald McDonald House

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – DENVER, CO— Denver School of Nursing (DSN) students partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities to serve dinner to families staying at the Denver Ronald McDonald House (<http://ronaldhouse.org/>). The 22 students brought hamburger meat, along with vegetables, hamburger buns, chip bags, and drinks. The students met at the Ronald McDonald House in the early evening and used the facility's kitchen to prepare the meal together. Students served dinner and engaged in conversation with the families, and were delighted to make the dinner a joyful and fun evening for families facing medical struggles and heartbreak.

Ronald McDonald House Charities began when Philadelphia Eagles tight end Fred Hill and his wife endured the complications of having a daughter with Leukemia in the hospital. Ultimately, the Philadelphia Eagles, local McDonald's owners, and a pediatric oncologist came together to pursue a dream to provide housing and meals to enable families to remain by their hospitalized child's side. The first McDonald House opened October 15, 1974. Today, more than ten million families have stayed at over 250 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide.

Ronald McDonald Houses focus on providing low-cost housing to out-of-town mothers and fathers needing to be near their hospitalized children. Denver School of Nursing students align themselves in support of the Ronald McDonald mission to create a world where children have access to quality health care and their families are able to better comfort and support them while actively participating in their care.

Denver School of Nursing student, Maggie O'Keefe, organizes and leads fellow students in approximately one Ronald McDonald volunteer event per month. Of the families she meets, O'Keefe says, "They spend their days talking to doctors, at their child's bedside, and hoping for miracles. If I can help make their lives a little better by feeding them a decent meal and providing conversation that doesn't involve diagnoses, medications, and charts, then I feel I've done my part."

About Denver School of Nursing (DSN)

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