Children’s Hospital & Ronald McDonald House Teen Service Groups

The Children’s Hospital & Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of the Coastal Empire are reaching out to the community teenagers in search of candidates who are interested in becoming active members of our Teen Service Groups. We are looking for responsible, goal-driven teens who are proven leaders within the community. Teens in these groups will serve as the “teen leaders” for volunteering and programming components within these two organizations.

Involvement for the Teen Service Groups will consist of meeting attendance, virtual meeting participation, committee responsibilities, hospital and RMHC® volunteering, fundraising, and other opportunities as defined by Children’s Hospital and RMHC® Advisors/Staff. All Teen Service Group members must obtain permission from their parents/guardians prior to accepting any service obligations.

Teens will be selected through an application and interview process.

Qualifications for Teen Service Groups:
1. Candidates MUST be beginning their junior year in August of 2017. Interested seniors may contact either the Child Life Department or the Ronald McDonald House.

2. Teen Service Group members must be able to guarantee a commitment of 12 months of service starting fall of 2017. Length of service and required hours for each teenager varies based upon each group’s service involvement and will be defined at orientation. Teen Advisory Board (Children’s Hospital) and Yellow Shoe Crew (RMHC®) members must guarantee their ability to commit a minimum of 40 hours.

Descriptions for each teen service group is listed below:

RMHC® Yellow Shoe Crew
The Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire’s Yellow Shoe Crew is a group of 25 teens with the collective goal to help make a difference in the lives of critically ill or injured children and their families who are receiving medical care at a nearby facility. As stewards of the Ronald McDonald House, Yellow Shoe Crew members work together to advocate, fundraise, and raise community awareness about the programs and services provided by RMHC® including the Ronald McDonald House, the Ronald McDonald House Family Rooms, as well as the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile within their respective communities.

The Yellow Shoe Crew consists of community teenagers who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and community service. Members participate in meetings, fundraising events, volunteering opportunities, community outreach and work on projects, programming, community projects, and other services affecting children and families of the Ronald McDonald House.
This goes beyond just working a shift in the House or Family Room. The meetings are interactive and the outreach proactive. In partnership with their mentor group, the Red Shoe Society of the Coastal Empire, the teens wear their yellow converse sneakers proudly throughout the community as they work to complete their mission of advocating and educating the community about the Ronald McDonald House and its programs.

**Children’s Hospital Teen Advisory Board**

The Children’s Hospital Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of community teens and teenage patients who serve as the “teen advisors” to the Children’s Hospital staff. This group of teenagers helps to provide a unique “teen” perspective to Children’s Hospital education, programming and hospital related services directly affecting adolescents within the inpatient and outpatient clinical settings.

The Teen Advisory Board consists of no more than 25 community teenagers who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and community service. Members participate in meetings, fundraising events, volunteering opportunities, and work on projects, publications, programming, community projects and other services affecting teens in the hospital.

The mission of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is to improve the understanding and communication between the Children’s Hospital staff and teenage patients as well as to improve the quality of services offered to teenage patients and families of the Children’s Hospital. Activities of TAB have included: volunteering with teenagers in the hospital setting, fundraising for the Children’s Hospital Adolescent programming, updating teenage health education material, and evaluating Children’s Hospital programming that impacts teenager within the hospital and in the community.

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*Due to limited amount of space within these two teen groups, any teen who is not selected for either Yellow Shoe Crew or Teen Advisory Board will be provided the opportunity to apply for general teen volunteering opportunities during the 2017-2018 school year with the Children’s Hospital and/or Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire. Please contact the teen volunteer coordinators of RMHC® or Children’s Hospital for details about other teen volunteering opportunities.*
Application Process for Teen Service Groups

Teen Service Group Applications are **due by June 16, 2017.**

The Application Packet must be completed and submitted at one time. *(Any applications missing information will not be considered.)*

Teens may apply for one or both Teen Service Groups, but may only participate in one group. Please indicate in the appropriate place on the application if you would consider an invitation for either or both Teen Service Groups by ranking your first and second choice. If you only want to be considered for one teen service group, please indicate this by circling your choice.

Teen Service Group Interviews for both the Children’s Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire will be conducted at the same time and will be scheduled in July 2017. Applications will first be screened to ensure all minimum requirements are met. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted no later than **July 3, 2017.**

Application Packets must include: (See Attachments for Forms)

1. Photo of Teen
2. Application Form
3. Essay Questions
4. 2 Completed Reference Forms – References must:
   a. Be non-relatives of teen applicant
   b. Have known the applicant for 2+ years
5. Teen Service Commitment Form
6. Parent Service Commitment Form
7. Resume

Completed Applications can be:
- Mailed or dropped off at:
  Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire
  4710 Waters Avenue
  Savannah, Georgia 31404
- Emailed to:
  Wingme1@memorialhealth.com
Due to the substantial investment of time devoted to this programming, we ask that each teen please consider carefully whether you can commit to the attendance and service requirements. Commitment to these teen service groups will require that you make every effort to participate and be involved in programming.

**Teen Information**

Name: ___________________________ Birthdate: ____________

Address: ___________________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________________________

City: ___________________________ Home Phone: ____________ Cell Phone: ____________

Email: ___________________________

Preferred Method of Communication (please circle one): Email  Cell Phone  Home Phone

Father / Guardian Name: ___________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________

Phone number: ___________________________

Mother / Guardian Name: ___________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________

Phone number: ___________________________

Are you related to or acquainted with anyone currently involved with RMHC® of Coastal Empire or Memorial Hospital (including Children’s Hospital)? (Circle one) Yes  No

If yes, please list and describe relationship: __________________________________________

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**School Information**

High School Attending: ________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ____________

Graduation Year: ____________ Current GPA: ____________

High School Guidance Counselor(s):

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

High School Extracurricular Activities (band, sports, etc.):

________________________________________

Academic Recognitions & Honors:
Is there any medical information/conditions/disabilities that you would like to share with us in case of an emergency?

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any allergies?

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Community affiliations/ Volunteer Experiences

Do you currently work? (Circle one)       Yes        No

If yes, where and how often?

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please let us know if you anticipate any scheduling conflicts with the required commitments that you may experience if you are chosen to serve on either of the 2017-2018 Teen Groups.

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How did you hear about this opportunity?

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

I would like to be considered for the following Teen Service Group(s): If you choose to be interviewed for both teen service groups, please rank your choice with either a 1 (your first choice) or 2 (your second choice).

________ Yellow Shoe Crew of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire

________ Children’s Hospital Teen Advisory Board

I hereby attest that I have read and understand the responsibilities and requirements of serving on a Teen Service Group. I understand the commitment needed to participate and agree to become an active member.

_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Teen

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Essay Questions

Please type your answers to the following questions:

1. Why do you feel that you would make a good addition to this group(s)?

2. Do you have any suggestions for fundraising activities or projects for this group(s) to complete in the next year?

3. What experiences do you have working with children?

4. Have you had any experiences being a patient of a children’s hospital or utilizing the services of the Ronald McDonald House?
Teen Service Group Application

Reference Form (1)

To: Teen Service Group Review Committee Members

I, ________________________________________, am recommending your review of
_____________________________________________(Student Name) for joining the 2017-2018
Teen Service Groups for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and Children’s Hospital based on
the following:

Please provide us with a brief description on of the qualities and characteristics this candidate
will bring to the teen service group(s).

I attest that I am a non-relative of the applicant and that I have known the applicant for a
minimum of two (2) years.

____________________________________________
Signature of Reference
To: Teen Service Group Review Committee Members

I, ________________________________________, am recommending your review of
__________________________________________ (Student Name) for joining the 2017-2018
Teen Service Groups for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and Children’s Hospital based on
the following:

Please provide us with a brief description of the qualities and characteristics this candidate
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__________________________________________
Signature of Reference
Teen Service Group Application

Teenager Commitment Form

Dear Teen Service Group Review Committee:

I ______________________________ (Print Name) am interested in applying for the 2017-2018 Teen Service Groups for either the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire and/or Children’s Hospital. I have included all the required information within my application for your review. I understand that this is a volunteer experience that will require a one (1) year commitment. I understand that this commitment will involve my participation in fundraising, committee responsibilities, hospital and RMHC® volunteering, as well as any other opportunities defined by the teen group advisors.

To create a beneficial experience for both myself and the patients and families that I will be helping, I agree to:

- Conduct myself responsibly during any group or sponsored event.
- Be an active participant in this group by attending meetings, participating in fundraising, planning and coordinating events.
- Complete at least 40 hours of service.
- Respect other members of the teen groups and advisors during all interactions.
- Follow all the guidelines and requirements for this position set forth by both organizations.
- Have fun and enjoy this experience.

I have read and understand and agree to comply with the requirements.

_________________________________________               _________________________
Signature of Teen                                      Date
Teen Service Group Application

Parent Commitment Form

Dear Teen Service Group Review Committee:

I ________________________________ (Parent/ Guardian) understand and support the commitment my son/daughter ________________________________ (Teen Name) is agreeing to uphold should he/she be selected for one of the 2017-2018 Teen Service Committee group(s) for the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire and/or Children’s Hospital. I have discussed with my teenager the responsibilities involved and the time commitment required for this volunteer experience. I understand that verification of any volunteer or service hours will be provided only after completion of the required hours.

I understand that commitment to this Teen Service Group may be challenging for my son/daughter due to school/sport activities. I understand that the Children’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire will make every effort to schedule meetings that do not conflict with normal school schedules.

I understand that some of the Teen Service Groups meetings may utilize an online format, specifically email communication, announcements/communication through Remind.com, and Signup.com for scheduling volunteer activities. By signing this Agreement, I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in these virtual communications with Teen Service Group Advisors.

I will agree to provide guidance and assistance to my son/daughter as needed during his/her volunteer service; including assisting my son/daughter in obtaining volunteer clearance to work directly with pediatric patients and families.

By signing this Agreement, I give my permission for my son/daughter, ________________________________ (Teen Name) to join the Teen Service Groups of the Children’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Coastal Empire for the 2017-2018 term.

_________________________________________               _________________________
Signature of Parent/ Guardian                  Date