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Being Home, the Best Gift

"Being home for the holidays means more to us this year than ever before," said Corina Portillo of Clovis. Corina's son, Sebastian was born 24 weeks early. At only 1lb and 15 oz, his situation was critical, but his mother knew he was in good hands. Soon Corina found out her entire family was in good hands.

While Corina was told not to expect to go home until September at the earliest. She was very worried about Sebastian and knew she needed to be right by his side, but how would the rest of her family Ezequiel, age 12 and Isaiah, age 10 continue to carry on with life? That was when a social worker from the hospital told Corina she could stay at RMHC, at no cost, for as long as Sebastian needed to be in the hospital. That was when the boy's dad Enrique Solis stepped into take on all the responsibilities at home. Corina was grateful that Enrique could take on all the roles of a single parent, homework, school events, cooking, cleaning and keep their family going while she was able to be right by Sebastian for over 6 months.



Weekends the family would be able to get together and other family members were even able to come stay to help.

Comfort, Care & Support

"My first night at RMHC was wonderful. I was provided with everything I could possibly need. I was scared, and knew our situation was very rough, but the entire staff made me feel safe and cared for each day. I had a peaceful place to go after long stressful days at the hospital and people who cared enough about my family to make sure I was eating good meals. Several times, staff members even moved my laundry to the dryers for me so when I returned late at night my laundry was clean and dry, you just don't know how much that means to me. Words can't explain how much love and care I felt during my stay. "said Corina.

Giving Back

"Because of my stay at RMHC, I am determined to go back to school to become a nurse to help other families just like mine. I believe I could accomplish this goal more than ever now that I know how many families will go through the same thing as mine." Corina shared.

Miracles Happen Everyday at RMHC

"I would just like to say Thank You, to everyone who donates to RMHC, on any day of the year whether it's a big gift or a small gift, but especially during the holidays. The feeling of knowing that people you have never met understand and care enough to help is the best feeling in the world. To those people, you are incredible!"



It's always nice to reflect at the end of the year and be grateful for the people who have made the mission of "Keeping Families Close" a priority in their lives. It would not be possible to help families without volunteers, advocates and donors. This year, after a 3-year hiatus, RMHC was able to hold a luncheon honoring every volunteer, organizations, and in-kind donors. More than 500 invitations were mailed to every name that was logged for 2022. As with all things these days, if there are any oversights, please contact Cynthia Black (cynthia@rmhcsouthwest.com). More than 5000 volunteer hours were recorded in 2022. Please join us in recognizing the following recipients:

Jim Murray Heroes Award **Robyn Snowberger**

Junior League of Lubbock Award **The Junior League of Lubbock**

Richard Ligon Service Award **Mission Service Companies, LLC**

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Texas Tech Athletics (Kirby Hocutt)

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Adult Volunteer Group
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Guest Chef UMC Health System



Create a legacy for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest

A gift in your will can go a long way for the families we keep close. Get started today at FreeWill.com/RMHCSouthwest





Family Room Opens! Midland Memorial Hospital



More than 30% of families served by RMHC are from the Permian Basin. Now families can stop by Ronald McDonald Family Rooms inside Midland Memorial Hospital or Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Families can rest, take a shower, do some laundry, have something to eat or drink or just visit with one of the caring volunteers. The Family Room Program is always looking to add volunteers who have a heart for people and a couple hours to share. Visit RMHCsouthwest.com to learn more about volunteering in the Permian Basin or Lubbock.

VOL NTEER for RMHG

Guest Chefs Needed!

Want to help impact families directly? Gather your group (friends, family, co-workers or even club members) and come prepare a meal for the families who have hospitalized kids. If you don't have a group to bring, call Anna and she will pair you with other "singles" who want to participate in this much needed and rewarding experience. Your group can choose the meal or let the donated items in



the RMHC of the Southwest pantry be your inspiration. Evening meals are prepared and ready for families each evening by 6:30pm. Lunch and breakfasts are always welcome, too.

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Get Cooking! Dillard's Cookbooks are for sale! Help support families with this beautiful Southern Living hardback book, exclusively at Dillard's.

Dec 1-31: Do-Nut forget to stop by Krispy Kreme!

Krispy Kreme Donuts December 1 - December 31, 50% of one dozen (plain or chocolate iced) will be given back to RMHC of the Southwest!

Dec 14: RMHC Give Back Day at Panda Express (University Location Only)

McDonald's Round Up is ongoing at any McDonald's location. Ask to Round UP your order to help families with hospitalized children. Change Canisters are also available and every penny stays local. If you need extra Happy this Holiday Season, remember, every purchase of any Happy Meal gives back to RMHC of the Southwest.

Thank you! West Texas Endurance, another successful Carol of Lights Fun Run for 2022!

Memorials & Honors

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Thank you!



Multi talented violinist and dancer Lindsey Stirling collected toiletries for

RMHC families. Over 50 bags including a personal note from Stirling will help families this holiday season.



Volunteers, Pat and Darlene Irwin stepped up to pick up donated bags from Lindsey Stirling. They were thrilled when Stirling met them in person and smiled for a quick photo! Thank you, to all!



You "CAN" Make a difference!

Having some festive occasions this holiday? Save your aluminum cans and help families!

You *CAN* help RMHC with

#KeepingFamiliesClose! All you have to do is drop off your aluminum cans in our trailer at 3034 Slide Rd! It is located in the parking lot of A.S. Dent Shop to the north side of their shop.

Thank you to A.S. Dent Shop for the space and thank you to Jarvis Metals Recycling, Inc. for providing the trailer and recycling services!

