

House Update

January 22, 2010

Upcoming Event

FEB **Tackle the Tower**
6 February 6, 2010

It's the most unique race in Cleveland - don't miss out on Tackling the Tower!

When: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Place: Center Court of the Galleria & Tower at Erieview 1301 E. 9th St. Cleveland, OH 44114

Distance: Climb up 37 flights consisting of 646 stairs at the Tower at Erieview



Registration:

Pre-Registration (\$20.00)

[Register online](#) until Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

All mailed entries must be received by Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Make checks payable to Hermes Sports & Events and mail entries to:

Hermes Sports & Events
 1624 St. Clair Avenue
 Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Race Day Registration (\$25.00)

NEW THIS YEAR - PRACTICE DATES, NEW FIREFIGHTER RACE, PLEDGE PRIZES

Practice Dates:

Come to the Tower at Erieview on 1/26 and 2/2 between 8-10am to practice your climbing skills. More info can be [found here](#).

New Firefighter Race:

In an effort to increase firefighter participation, and create a more "Firefighter Friendly" event the firefighter portion of Tackle the Tower has been changed. Instead of climbing all 37 stories, this year firefighters will race up to the 22nd floor, walk/run across the floor to a second stairwell, and descend 22 floors down to the main lobby. The firefighter race will begin promptly at 10:30 am - and prizes will be awarded for the top 3 finishers.

Pledges:

Online

[Click here to begin your online fundraising efforts](#) create a personalized online pledge program and easily email friends and family to support you as you prepare to take on the tower.

Mail/In Person

[Click here to download the pledge form](#). Pledges can be turned in with the pledge form on race day or can be mailed to:

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland
 10415 Euclid Ave.
 Cleveland, OH 44106

Please help RMH by raising pledges for this year's race! Each level reached in pledges earns you one-of-kind RMH gear - each level receives all previous levels as well:

- \$50 - Neck Tote
- \$100 - Drawstring Bag
- \$250 - Water Bottle Holder
- \$500 - Sun Visor
- \$750 - 12 can cooler
- \$1,000 - Pongee Umbrella
- \$1,500 - Stadium blanket
- Top Earner - All prizes above plus a special prize!

Phenomenal Philanthropists

Disney on Ice

Some of our families received a very special treat thanks to the generosity of Truline Industries, Inc. and Court Durkalski. Court has been donating suite tickets for our families to enjoy all sorts of fun events - and this past month was no exception with a donation to see Disney on Ice!

The families had a great time - thank you, Court, for your continued support!



Thanks for Pulling for Us!

A single pull tab may seem unassuming at first, but in 2009 each little pull tab that you saved for the House was added to millions more - resulting in nearly \$6,000 for our Family Fund! On behalf of RMH, thank you for your support.

The Family Fund is very special to RMH as it directly supports the families who are staying in the House. From this fund we can: celebrate special occasions such as birthdays and holidays, assist families in immediate emergencies, provide delicious meals and help our guests in many other ways.

Now, more than ever, every little bit counts. Our House experienced record breaking occupancy last year - meaning more families are utilizing our services than ever before. In these uncertain times, having an affordable, comfortable place to stay while your child is in a nearby hospital means everything to the families we serve.

To everyone who saved pull tabs in 2009 - thank you for your support! Keep pulling for our families in 2010! For more info on the pull tab program, please contact Samantha Stroud at sstroud@clevelandrmh.org.



Cleveland Clinic Family Room turns Two Years Old!

On January 8th the Family Room at the Cleveland Clinic celebrated its 2nd Anniversary with an anniversary cake and treat bags for guests. In addition, Family Room Coordinator, Linda Peters and RMH Director of Programs and Services, Alisa Powell delivered bags of candy with a special note of thanks to the Pediatric Nursing Stations and Child Life Department for their support of the Family Room (65% of our families hear about the Room from hospital staff).

Since opening, volunteers have registered over 2,500 families and welcomed more than 44,000 visitors to the Family Room!

