



Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland

## House Update

October 8, 2007

### Happy Hour at the House of Blues!

The Young Professionals Group of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland hosts its **Fourth Annual Celebs in the House** happy hour with Guest Host, **Comedian Mike Polk** of 43 The Block and **Musical Guest, Minor Setback**.

The event will be held at the House of Blues, 308 Euclid Avenue, in the Cambridge Room **next Thursday, October 11, 2007** from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are only **\$15 pre-sale** and can be ordered online by visiting: <https://www.clevelandrmh.org/support/donation.php>.

Tickets will also be available at the door for just \$20.

Along with the live entertainment, guests will also have access to great complimentary appetizers and fabulous raffle items including a wonderful trip to Naples, Florida (airfare for two, 3 day/2 night stay, and rental car)!

For more information [click here](#) or call Samantha Stroud, at 216-229-5757, ext. 105.

### Familia Still Wonderful After Twenty-One Years!



Ronald McDonald with Chairperson Ellen Roberts, committee member Dina Haynosch, Executive Director Craig Wilson, and Development Director Mary Horoszko at Familia XXI.

### New Family Room Opening

It is our greatest pleasure to announce that The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland will open its second Family Room at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital on November 28, 2007!



Like its counterpart at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, this room will serve as a place of respite for families who simply cannot stray far from their children's bedside.

With this expansion, there is an urgent need for caring, dedicated volunteers to help with the daily tasks of this facility.

If you are able to spare a few hours of your time a month and are interested in being a part of this rewarding experience, please contact the House at (216) 229-5757 or [info@clevelandrmh.org](mailto:info@clevelandrmh.org).

### First Business Forum a Success

The first Business Forum was held September 26, at Embassy Suites in Independence. Nearly 70 people attended this one-on-one interview between *Crain's Cleveland Business* Editor Brian Tucker and CEO of Transtar Industries, Monte Ahuja.

Mr. Ahuja spoke candidly about his experiences at Cleveland State University, building Transtar Industries into the multi-million dollar success it is today, as well as his philanthropic activities throughout the Greater Cleveland Community. Once Mr. Tucker had completed his interview, guests then had the opportunity to ask their own questions to Mr. Ahuja.

Our thanks to Monte Ahuja for making our debut session such a wonderful experience for everyone involved!

Familia XXI was held on September 29th, at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. This long-standing event in the House's history once again was a fantastic time for all who attended!

Thank you to Saks Fifth Avenue and Dixie Lee Davis who once again put on a great fashion show, and to all the celebrity models who wore the pieces exquisitely!

A very special thank you to Chairperson Ellen Roberts, the entire Familia Committee, RMH staff, and the volunteers who made this event a wonderfully fun and fashionable affair. Thank you also to our in-kind donors, including everyone who contributed to our raffle and silent auction, and Petitti's for their beautiful centerpieces.

Finally thank you to our amazing benefactors, your generous contributions will be felt by all the families who call our House their home away from home! The benefactors for Familia XXI were as follows:

#### **Diamond Level**

The Lerner Foundation

#### **Platinum Level**

The John and Barbara Burns Foundation  
Corinne L. Doderer Trust for the Arts and Sciences  
Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital

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National City Bank  
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The Cleveland Clinic – Global Patient Services  
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Harlan Diamond – Executive Caterers at Landerhaven  
David and Adrienne Myeroff  
Marous Brothers Construction  
Corky Nosek Jack and Connie Swan  
Bradford L. Roller and Laura Pedersen

### **"Good for the House"**

What if the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland earned a penny every time you



such a wonderful experience for everyone involved!

Our next Business Forum session will focus on a different area of commerce when we welcome John A. and John C. Orlando of the Orlando Baking Company. Brian Tucker will once again host an intriguing interview with this father and son team at the Embassy Suites in Independence on **Wednesday, November 28th**.

Be watching your inbox and your mailbox for more information on this next session. Or contact Mary Horoszko at (216) 229-5757, ext. 129.

### **The RMH Legacy Society**

Make provisions for RMH of Cleveland to be the recipient in your will, trust, or through another planning technique. Please contact us for details or assistance at (216) 229-5757.

### **2007 IRA Withdrawals**

#### **Consider This Special One-Time Opportunity to Help the Future of RMH Cleveland**

If you are 70½ or older, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 presents a unique opportunity until the end of 2007 for you to make a tax-free transfer (up to \$100,000) directly from your IRA to a charity. A gift from your IRA to The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland may be wise for several reasons:



It counts toward your minimum required annual distribution



There is no state income tax on the amount transferred



The amount transferred will not be included in your adjusted gross income



The balance of your IRA will be lower and therefore minimizing the amount subject to tax upon your death

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