

# Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte: Wednesday Activity Night Program Guidelines

Think of your favorite way to pass the evening – and share it at our House! Plan a GREAT activity that would be fun for a diverse audience of parents, grandparents, kids and friends. Activity nights are Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00PM.

## IMPORTANT PLANNING TIPS

- You'll need to supply all of your own materials for your project.
- If crafting, **please DO NOT use loose glitter or paint** – only glitter glue should be used.
- 3-5 helpers is an ideal size for an activities team, but the project can definitely be done by fewer or slightly more. We ask that no group bring more than 8 people into the House at any given time.
- Please understand that families are in and out of the House all day long, and that many are under extreme stress. We cannot predict how many people in the House will want to participate in your activity – it may be that you get 20 people, it may be that you get only 2. Please know that anyone who does choose to participate will be grateful to have you there – even small audiences will be appreciative!

## ARRIVAL AND PARKING

- All members of your group must be healthy!
- Please park in the volunteer lot on the east side of the House. You may drop off supplies before parking.
- Check in at the front desk. A member of the House Operations team will escort your group to the appropriate space for your activity and check in with your group throughout your visit to answer any questions.

## WORKING IN THE HOUSE

- Remember that our guests are in a very stressful time – please keep voices at “inside” levels!
- Feel free to say hello – you are welcome to stop and chat with families who are in the House, but please understand if they prefer not to talk very long!
- We ask that you have at least 1 adult per 3 children under 16– Parents **MUST** stay with their children at all times. Volunteers should **NEVER** take responsibility for supervising guest's children.
- Before taking photographs, please obtain permission from the guests or staff.
- Please be sure to clean up the area after your activity is completed--including but not limited to: sweeping, wiping down tables, taking trash to the dumpster, etc. You may pack up and take any leftover supplies or you may choose to donate them to the House!

## EXAMPLES OF PAST IDEAS

- Game nights: board games, “minute to win it”, Pictionary, etc.
- Craft projects: decorating cards, bracelet making, seasonal crafts, etc.

**QUESTIONS? Please call the Group Volunteer Manager at 704-335-1191.**

Thank you for helping to make our House a “home away from home” for guest families!