

# 2019 VIRGINIA GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charlottesville ("RMHC-C") invites you to join in a wonderful Charlottesville holiday tradition - **Virginia Gingerbread Christmas!** This year's theme is "**Christmas Around the World**". We want participants to use their creativity to design structures that reflect a Christmas tradition from their own cultural heritage or a tradition they admire. All entries will be on display December 8th – 11<sup>th</sup> (display times vary) at the beautiful Omni Hotel in the heart of Downtown Charlottesville.

### CONTEST ENTRIES

The Gingerbread House Competition is open to anyone who would like to enter. To be eligible for the competition a signed and completed **Entry Form must be received by RMHC-C no later than Monday, December 2, 2019.** Entry Forms may be **mailed** to RMH (300 9<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903), **faxed** (434.295.7735), **emailed** (info@rmhcharlottesville.org), or **dropped** off at the House. If you do not mail or deliver your entry fee along with the form, your entry fee will be due at the time the entry is delivered to the Omni for the competition or submitted electronically for judging. Gingerbread entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted for display.

### CATEGORIES (Note the New Category in 2019!)

Gingerbread entries will be divided into three major divisions: **Individual, Team, and Virtual.** There will be categories within the first two divisions. The categories for competition are as follows: **Individual Division:** Amateur Adult (age 18+), Teen (ages 13-17), Youth (ages 9-12), and Child (ages 4-8). **Team Division:** Professional Chef/Baker, Business Team, Family, and Group/Organization (i.e. Scout Troops, school/church groups). A Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry. **Virtual Division** entries will compete under a single umbrella unless the number of entries is large enough to warrant subdivisions. Those entering through the Virtual Division must live at least 75 miles away from Charlottesville.

### ENTRY FEES

\$10 per entry for all divisions and categories!

### CONSTRUCTION and DISPLAY GUIDELINES:

- Each structure must contain gingerbread.
- Each structure **must** be created on a sturdy, stable base no larger than **2x2** feet, **unless** pre-approved by the RMHC-C.
- Structures must be made entirely of edible products with the exception of the base and battery operated lights.
- No artificial display materials such as Styrofoam, cardboard, or plastic are allowed for construction or display. However, structures **may be** illuminated with battery operated lights (no electricity).
- Entries are not limited to a "house" structure only. Other unique structures are welcomed – castles, office buildings, stores, campers, boats, etc.
- Contestants are encouraged to write a bit of information regarding their creation – country of the tradition, its significance, etc. - for display next to their gingerbread entry.
- Virtual entries must submit a video of their creation (phone videos are fine), showing it from all sides, and discussing the various materials used and the cultural traditions captured in it. Photos taken along the creative path and of the final creation would be greatly appreciated, as well. We will display a picture of your creation during the public showing at the Omni.

### JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA

Judging will be held by Tuesday, December 10th, 2019. Winners' ribbons will be placed on the entries by Tuesday evening, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Entries will be judged on the basis of appearance, originality, creativity, difficulty, and precision. Each of these qualities will be graded on a scale from 1-5 by the judges. The entry in each category with the highest points will win first place for that category.

### GINGERBREAD DROP OFF & REMOVAL

Completed gingerbread entries **must** be delivered to the Omni Hotel during one of these 2 dates/times: Friday, Dec. 6th, between 10 am and 6 pm, or Sat., Dec. 7th, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Videos/pictures of virtual entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Public display of the entries will begin on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 4 pm, and may not be removed until after close of the display on Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. (Hours for viewing vary each day, so please check the schedule.) However, entries **MUST** be picked up by 5 pm on December 11<sup>th</sup>, unless they have been sold through the Silent Auction.

# Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Entry Form



To enter the Virginia Gingerbread Christmas House Competition, submit this Entry Form and Fee to: RMHC-C, 300 9<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903 **by Monday, December 2, 2019**. Your gingerbread creation will not be needed until Dec. 6th or Dec. 7th, when it must be delivered to the Omni Hotel (see previous paragraph) or, if virtual, received electronically (either posted to the Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Facebook page or emailed to info@rmhcharlottesville.org.) No late entries accepted. One Entry Form per submission. Please make checks payable to RMH of Charlottesville; credit card payments may be made through rmhcharlottesville.org. Please write "Gingerbread" the comments line for the payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

## DIVISION/CATEGORY (Select One)

Individual Division: (\$10):  Adult Amateur (18 years+)  Teen (13-17)  Youth (9-12)  Child (4-8)

Team Division (\$10):  Professional Chef/Baker  Business  Family  Group/Organization

Virtual Division: (\$10):  Virtual Entry

Name of Business/Organization and/or Participants, including ages if under 18 (Team Entries Only):

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Gingerbread House Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to donate your entry to the Gingerbread House Silent Auction? (not applicable for Virtual entries) Proceeds from the auction will benefit RMHC-C (circle one) YES /NO

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