

## 2022 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 in the Country*". All entries will be on display December 3rd – 8<sup>th</sup> (display times vary) at the beautiful **Marriott Residence Inn** on the corner of Main and Ridge Streets.



#### 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, November 28, 2022.** Entry Forms may be **mailed** to RMHC-C (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 Residence Inn for the competition or submitted electronically for judging. Gingerbread entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted for display.

#### CATEGORIES (Note the Virtual Entry Option!)

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 (e.g. 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 category unless the number of entries is large enough to warrant subdivisions.

#### ENTRY FEES

\$10 per entry for all divisions and categories!

#### CONSTRUCTION and DISPLAY GUIDELINES:

- Each structure must be made of gingerbread.
- Each structure **must** be created on a sturdy, stable base no larger than **2x2** feet, **unless** pre-approved by 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.
- Virtual entries must submit a video of their creation (phone videos are fine), showing it from all sides, and discussing the various materials used, how they created it, etc. 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 Residence Inn.

#### JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA

Judging will be held by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Winners' ribbons will be placed on the entries by Wednesday evening, Dec. 7<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 Lewis Room of the Residence Inn during one of these 3 dates/times: Wednesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, between 10 am and 5 pm, Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, between 10:00am and 5:00pm, and Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. Videos/pictures of virtual entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Dec.1<sup>st</sup>. Public display of the entries will begin on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am to 8 pm, and continue from 10 am to 8 pm each day until Thursday evening at 8 pm. Entries may not be removed until after close of the display on Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8 pm. All entries must be removed by 2pm on Friday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> either by the maker(s) or the purchaser.

# Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Entry Form

To enter the Virginia Gingerbread Christmas House Competition, submit this Entry Form and Fee to: RMHC-C, 300 9th St. SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903 **by close of business on Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**. You may drop off your gingerbread creation to the Lewis Room at the Marriott Residence Inn from 10 am to 5 pm on Nov.30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, or from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Or, **if entering virtually**, your video and pictures must be sent electronically to [info@rmhcharlottesville.org](mailto:info@rmhcharlottesville.org) by 5 pm on Thursday, Dec. 1. No late entries accepted. One Entry Form per submission. Please make checks payable to 'RMHC of Charlottesville'; credit card payments may be made through [rmhcharlottesville.org](http://rmhcharlottesville.org) using the Donate tab. Please write "Gingerbread" in 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 Entry 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