



Ronald McDonald House Charities is pleased to announce an addition to its Virginia Gingerbread Christmas celebration - - TREES!

The House has purchased a limited number of 7 ft., pre-lit trees which will be displayed in the beautiful windows of the Marriott Residence Inn ("RI") on Main and Ridge Streets. There will be plenty of motor and foot traffic to admire them! We are looking for organizations that would commit to elaborately decorate a tree for the display. The trees will be set up at the RI in a special room for decorating over a 4-day period. Each tree will then be moved to its display location. The display will be open to the public, and the public will have the opportunity to purchase a People's Choice ballot to vote for their favorite tree. We will also have another People's Choice ballot for the Gingerbread creations. And, like Gingerbread, the decorating groups can opt to allow their tree to go to silent auction, with the resulting funds benefitting the House. The decoration period for the trees is 11.28.22 through noon on 12.02.22. The display period will last for over a full week after that - Dec. 3 - Dec. 14. Do you know a company or organization - or a very energetic family - that might be interested in decorating a tree?

We see this event as a gift to the people in the area. This is how they have always viewed our Gingerbread event - as a wholesome gift for all to enjoy. We want the trees to evoke the same feeling, decorated elaborately to capture the imagination and buoy the holiday spirit. There is no designated theme for the trees (unlike Gingerbread), so groups will be free to be as creative as possible, represent their business/organization, and express their own theme. For example, we could see a real estate firm's tree decorated in lots of houses, and all related house contents, business cards, and glittering keys. There are so many possibilities! It will be great fun and a great bonding experience - and a wonderful gift to the community.

Trees will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis since they are limited. Any group interested in committing to decorate a tree should complete the short form provided on the back of this sheet and return it to Rita Ralston as soon as possible by email (rralston@rmhcharlottesville.org), fax (434.295.7735), mail (RMHC of Charlottesville, 300 9th St. SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903), or drop it by the House.

Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville
Virginia Gingerbread Christmas
Tree Decorating Contest



Contact Name: _____

Business or Organization: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Cell Phone: _____

Proposed Theme for Tree: _____

Do you wish to participate in a Silent Auction of your tree, with all proceeds benefitting the Ronald McDonald House? Circle One: YES NO

This is to confirm a commitment to fully decorate one of the 7 ft. pre-lit trees provided by the Ronald McDonald House during the period of Nov. 28, 2022 through noon on Dec. 2, 2022 at the Residence Inn. I understand the tree will be on display at the Residence Inn from Dec. 3 through Dec. 14. Further, I understand that the Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville and Marriott Residence Inn are not responsible for injuries that might occur during decorating, or damage that might occur to the decorations during either the decorating process or the display period.

Signature

Guidelines:

- ◇ Please bring a ladder of sufficient height to decorate to the top of the tree (inclusive of a 6" base for moving the tree into its display location);
- ◇ Decorating must be done at the Residence Inn between 10 am and 8 pm Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, and 10 am to noon on Dec. 2.
- ◇ Pace yourself so that all decorating is complete by noon on Dec. 2, 2022
- ◇ Trees must remain on display, fully decorated until the close of the display
- ◇ The trees are pre-lit, but you may add more lighting as long as it is UL rated for safety.
- ◇ The Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville has the right to remove any decoration item that it deems to be inappropriate or in some way a hazard
- ◇ Decorate generously and elaborately!