

# Purpose of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> of Central Illinois (RMHCCI) provides a supportive home away from home for families who travel to either Peoria or Springfield Illinois in order for their child to receive medical care. We provide them with a place to sleep, eat, take a shower, do their laundry and more - all while staying close to their child and at no cost to them.

# Purpose of the Teen Council

The purpose of the Teen Council is to encourage high school students to become more active in community service and to create awareness and encourage support of Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> in the student's school and community. The Teen Council will also provide multiple learning opportunities, leadership building, networking and more.

### **Peoria Teen Council Description**

The Peoria Teen Council consists of area public and private high school students from the local community who raise awareness and advocate for the mission of RMHCCI.

If chosen to participate in the 2019-2020 Teen Council, students will be required to attend an orientation in Fall of 2019. There will be monthly meetings throughout the school year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Members will be required to attend the orientation.

The orientation will include more information regarding what the year will entail for the Teen Council, including in-school fundraisers and the Teen Council fundraiser. The Teen Council will also plan in-House activities and other projects for the families that stay with us. The meetings will focus on awareness of RMHCCI, planning, community service, team building, networking and more.

### **Location of Meetings**

Meetings will be held on scheduled Sunday afternoons/evenings. The first meeting location and date will be announced once applications have been processed and applicants have been notified.

# **Program Commitments**

- •A one-year commitment with the possibility of continued service throughout high school years
- Signed Media Release Form
- •Active attendance and participation in meetings, activities and fundraisers
- •A \$20 membership fee (t-shirt included, cost of snacks, etc.)
- Provide support and implementation of fundraisers and programs



# Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Teen Council Application 2019-2020

Name		Cell Phone		
Address				
City	State	Zip	Date of Birth	
E-mail Address			Shirt Size	
High School			Grade Entering in August 2019	

#### **Short Answer Questions**

(Please feel free to type answers and attach on a separate sheet)

Clubs or activities that you currently participate in:

Do you have previous leadership experiences? If so, what are they and how do you plan on implementing them with the Teen Council?

Do you have any preliminary ideas that you can bring to the Teen Council this year (fundraising, activities, etc.)?

What attracted you to becoming involved with the Teen Council, and why do you want to be a part of it? What do you hope to gain?

Would you be interested in any leadership positions within the Teen Council?

#### **Reference and Recommendation Form**

Please provide at least one (1) reference with your application. The recommendation form is attached. References must be 21 years of age or older and be non-family members. You may submit more than one recommendation form.

# **Responsibilities of Teen Council Members**



- Attend at least 70% of meetings throughout the school year
- Actively participate in meetings and arrive on time
- Stay up-to-date on Teen Council communications
- Participate in Ronald McDonald House activities and cook a meal for families
- Help plan and attend Teen Council fundraiser for RMHCCI
- Be respectful and work together with your fellow council members

# Teen Council Commitment:

I have read and understand the RMHCCI Teen Council rules and requirements and agree to abide by them upon my acceptance into the Teen Council. I am committed to serving for at least one year on the Teen Council and attending at least 70% of monthly meetings. I will do my best to advocate independently and as a group for RMHCCI.

Prospective Member Signature	Date					
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date					
Please return your completed appl	ication packet by September 13, 2019 to:					
Stephanie Brown, Teen Council Volunteer Coordinator Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois						
P.O. Box #5354, Peoria, IL 61601						
(309	) 401-2525					
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Participants will be notified of next steps by September 30, 2019. The first meeting will be announced to accepted council members in Fall of 2019.



# Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Teen Council Recommendation Form

has expressed a desire to join the RMHCCI Teen Council. Each potential Teen Council member must submit a recommendation form. Please write a brief statement of recommendation regarding the applicant's character, general attitude, dependability, personality, and ability to cooperate.

### **Please Print**

Name			
Relationship to Applicant			Length You Have Known Applicant
Home Phone and/or Work	Phone	E-mail	
Do you recommend		(applicant's name)	for the RMHCCI Teen Council? (circle one)
YES	NO	(applicant o name)	
Please use the space	e below f	or any comments (If you need	additional space, please feel free to attach a separate sheet)

Signature

Date

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Thompson, Chief Executive Officer at (309) 401-2525. Thank you for your help!

Please complete and mail to: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Attn: Stephanie Brown P.O. Box #5354 Peoria, IL 61601 Phone: (309) 401-2525