



Our House



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Home away from home for Danielle and Clayton

"Our journey started 6 months ago when I was 35 weeks pregnant," said Danielle Aggis from South Hedland.

"My husband Clayton and I were on holiday in Perth when a follow up ultrasound found a hard mass forming in our baby's adrenal area. We were told not to leave Perth for the remainder of my pregnancy, as both baby and I would need to be monitored regularly. At 39 weeks I was induced and when our son Eddie was born he was immediately taken to the neonatal intensive care unit as he was unable to feed.

"After a week, we were told that our baby boy had a suspected neuroblastoma and that surgery would be necessary to remove the main tumour that was forcing his stomach shut and pressing on a kidney. The surgery was a success but it was heartbreaking to watch our newborn son spend the first four weeks of his life hooked up to machines and fed through a tube. It took both Clayton and I to manage a cuddle for Eddie, one to hold the wires and tubes and one to hug him. After what seemed like an eternity, Eddie was discharged and we were finally able to get home.

"But then, on a follow up scan it was discovered that other tumours on the liver had become active. This resulted in Eddie's liver growing larger and at the tender age of 7 weeks, our little fellow began receiving chemotherapy.

"Up until this point we had spent four weeks living in a family room on the neonate ward at PMH or bunking with friends and relatives. We were sick of living out of suitcases and frustrated at not being able to live a normal life.

"Thankfully relief came by way of our social worker who arranged for us to stay at the nearby Ronald McDonald House. When we checked in we were warmly welcomed and given a family unit, which immediately felt like a little home to us. Finally we were able to unpack our suitcases and get a good night's sleep.



• Clayton, Danielle and Eddie.

"We have been amazed at the wonderful services the House provides. We are thankful to the make a meal groups, the housekeepers, the volunteers, the staff and the other parents for being there for us and for making it such a lovely place to stay during a very scary time in our lives.

"When we finally get to take our little man home to Port Hedland, we will always have a place in our hearts for the caring people at Ronald McDonald House who helped us along the way. We are also comforted in knowing that when we have to come to Perth for checkups, we will once again be able to call Ronald McDonald House our home away from home."

"Providing more than merely shelter, our House – the most special house in town, offers support and hope to families like the Aggis's when they most need it. We endeavour to ensure that every family feels a sense of home, comfort and care during their stay with us," said Jeannie of RMH.



• Left to right: Nick O'Hern, Tony Secola, Lorenzo D' Alessio, Robert Tantiprasut, Adam Gilchrist.

Great Golfing at the Pro-Am

THE annual Nick O'Hern Ronald McDonald House Charity Pro-Am golf day was held on the 16th of November 2008 at the prestigious Royal Perth Golf Club.

Now in it's 9th year and the third year as a pro-am event with Nick as patron, the golf day not only raises much needed funds but also public awareness about the real mission of RMH.

Presented by **Burswood Entertainment Complex** this popular fundraiser also hosted 35 of WA's Top Professional Golfers including, Michael Long, Jarrod Moseley, Chris Gray, Steve Collins and Terry Gale who joined forces with 35 amateur teams on the day.

Although Nick was unable to play as he was recovering from hand surgery, our House Patron, Adam Gilchrist stepped in and did the golfing while Nick did the caddying. Now that's what you call 'teamwork'!

Special thanks to our sponsors Leeuwin Estate Wines, Lion Nathan, Skywest, Master Builders Association, McDonalds Australia, Mitsubishi Motors, Pride Projects and PGA WA and NT Branch whose contribution helped make the 2008 golf tournament a tremendous success.

The day finished on a high note with a dinner auction hosted by Auctioneer 'Tiny Holly' and raised in excess of \$20,000.00.

The 2009 event will be held at a similar time of the year (mid December), so be sure to mark your calendar and get in early to secure your place!

BURSWOOD
ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX



Have a holiday – on the house!

Do you want to get out of town? Do you need a holiday?

Then have a holiday on us at either the Bunbury or Jurien Bay Ronald McDonald Family Retreats. Families who have stayed at RMH or those referred by PMH are eligible to stay at the retreats as well as families recommended by registered children's charities such as CanTeen, Camp Quality, Starlight Foundation and the Leukaemia Foundation.

Not long ago, Janine Bryant and her family enjoyed a 3 day break at the Jurien Bay Family Retreat house.

"We arrived on Friday about lunch time and walked down to the jetty to be greeted by a very cheeky sea lion showing off in the water and generally annoying the fishermen. A game of pool followed at the pub and then an afternoon rest," said Janine.

"The crayfish dinner at the pub was unbelievable and the boys enjoyed the facilities at the Apex recreation park – playing games of ping pong, volley ball and so on.

"By Saturday evening we were all so relaxed and comfortable that I was actually concerned that if we continued on this path much longer we wouldn't be able to return to city life.

"It really was just fabulous. Thanks to all at Ronald McDonald House for providing such wonderful facilities and a much needed and appreciated break."

To reserve your stay, contact the office on 9382 2960 or email nola@rmhwa.com.au





• The Herdsman's Tim Newton and Michelle Klopfer.

Santa came early to Herdsman

Herdsman Fresh has been an ardent supporter of Ronald McDonald House for many years and we are so fortunate to be one of their 'favourite charities'.

In addition to displaying our money boxes on their counters, Herdsman Fresh held a fantastic Food Expo in July with proceeds from the event donated to RMH. If that's not enough, the staff and management also participate in our popular 'Make a Meal' program.

As December approached, up went the Christmas tree and out went an appeal to their patrons asking them to contribute presents for the kids of Ronald McDonald House – and boy did they contribute! Herdsman's generous and caring clients donated 5 trolley loads of gifts just days before Christmas and they were still coming in on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to their efforts, every child at Ronald McDonald House received not just one but a number of presents on Christmas morning. Best of all, we still have presents that we can use in the coming months for the children of Ronald McDonald House when they celebrate the most special day of all – their birthday.

Thank you Herdsman Fresh, your continued support means the world to us.

When there's no room

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the members of the **Australian Hotels Association WA** who assist us from time to time in accommodating families within their establishments free of charge when Ronald McDonald House is at capacity. Their generosity is genuinely appreciated!



SHOWTIME



It's Showtime at Movies by Burswood, the premier outdoor cinema set on the banks of the picturesque Swan River in the Burswood Parklands.

The summer season for MbB is in full swing until 4 April 2009 with a lineup of popular films sure to impress.

Movies by Burswood's mission is to improve the quality of life for children in a health or physical ability crisis by donating it's profits to Ronald McDonald House, Riding for the Disabled, the Starlight Children's Foundation and Youth Focus.

To date MbB has contributed \$125,179.58 to RMH and has raised over one million dollars for their chosen charities – an impressive milestone.

You can enjoy a movie and dinner under the stars with a wide range of food and drinks on offer at the venue. MbB is catered and fully licensed. Patrons are able to bring fold-up chairs or bean bags but if lugging gear isn't your thing then premium bean bag lounges or rug and chair hire are available onsite.

Tickets can be purchased at the venue box office or online at MbB's website. Better yet, save money on admission, food and refreshments by purchasing a \$40 Value Card directly from our House.

Movies by Burswood is also holding a raffle – 1st prize is a fabulous vacation to the island paradise of Mauritius.

The prize includes 2 return airfares and 6 nights accommodation at the beautiful Tamassa Resort with daily breakfast and dinner inclusive. Tickets are just \$2 with all proceeds donated to the MbB charities.

To get your value card and/or raffle tickets, please email **Jeannie@rmhwa.com.au**

For further information and the season's programme, visit the MbB website **www.moviesbyburswood.com.au**

Apple mini for RMH

When Andrew Karatzis from DiversIT phoned to say he would like to donate an Apple computer to RMH, we were more than happy to say yes to his generous offer.

A few days later Andrew arrived with a box so small we were sure he had left the rest of the computer behind. But no, this was the new compact Apple Mac mini. After a quick introduction, we were enlightened and impressed that something so little could do so much.

This little gem will be used downstairs in our computer room to enable future internet access for the families.

DiversIT provides service and expertise to small and medium sized businesses with customized IT solutions from planning and implementing to manning the help desk.

AVKO Mining Ronald McDonald House Charities

Kalgoorlie Ball



Expanding Rooms

Previously, the office of our Learning Program State Manager – Denise Mathews was located in an old House adjacent to Ronald McDonald House – a pretty lonely existence! Office space within the House was bursting at the seams until recently when an extension to the House was completed adding two new offices and a work room.

The Ball Committee and the generous folk from the Kalgoorlie Boulder region provided the funds to complete the extension through their hard work for the 2007 and 2008 **Avko Mining Ronald McDonald House Charities Kalgoorlie Ball**.

We have also developed a new reception area in our entry hall which is far more welcoming for families on their arrival and creates a central point for communications and enquiries. **Associated Shopfitters** were exemplary in the provision of a design for the reception area and the installation – they also donated \$5000.00 towards the project!

Each year since 2003 the **AVKO Mining Ronald McDonald House Charities Kalgoorlie Ball Committee** hosts a gala ball to raise funds to benefit Ronald McDonald House Perth and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The charity ball is generously supported by AVKO Mining and the local Goldfields business community. RMH has been a vital facility for families from this region since opening in 1990 and has cared for 64 Kalgoorlie/Boulder families.

Last year's ball raised \$90,000.00 for our House bringing the total donated to RMH to date to a whopping \$323,000.00 – all from a town made up of only 30,000 people! The ball is THE premier event on the Kalgoorlie social calendar every year with tickets often selling out and the ball committee members are to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement.

"We are passionate about raising money for sick children and their families and supporting Ronald McDonald House. Living in a remote area of Western Australia it is imperative that we have support networks in Perth to help Goldfields families cope during a difficult time in their lives and Ronald McDonald House is one such icon," said Ball Chairperson, Janie Jones.

Themed *Carnivale d' Illusion*, the 2009 ball will be held on March 14th and is sure to WOW the 850 patrons with acts and bands booked from all over Australia. If you'd like to attend or contribute an item for the major or silent auction, please contact Janie Jones on 0408 934 765 or email janie@saltbush.net

Nola Smith

House Manager Extraordinaire



Nola Smith – House Manager

“This is the start of my 12th year as a staff member at RMH, but my journey actually started back in 1993 when I decided to do some volunteer work,” said Nola Smith, our House Manager.

My children were in primary school and one day I saw an ad in my local paper for RMH seeking volunteers. I didn't hesitate and phoned up straight away. Initially I volunteered once a month but I loved it so much I came once a week. I would drop my kids at school, leave my own housework and come here because it was so much more rewarding to do something for someone in need – my house could wait (I still feel the same!)

In those days the bedrooms had bunk beds and we had to wash and iron all the linen in-house! When I think of that now it makes me laugh, especially learning to fold fitted sheets (neatly), but it didn't bother me because I had so much fun and I met a lot of wonderful people.

When a position of Admin Assistant came up in '97 I was lucky enough to get the job and I haven't looked back since. I'm now the House Manager and my sons are now 19 and 21! Where has the time gone?

My job is challenging but very rewarding and the team I work with, well what can I say other than the fact that because we've known each other for such a long time, we're not just work colleagues, we're good friends as well.”



Sivarajs adopt room 8

It is great pleasure that we announce the latest sponsor to join our Adopt a Room program.

We welcome Shanti and Arosha Sivaraj, licensees of McDonalds Jolimont, Duncraig and Mindarie, who have sponsored Room 8.

Since the inception of the Adopt a Room program in 2000, all the rooms and units have been regularly sponsored with few opportunities available for new Sponsors. Now for the first time in a long time, a room has become available for sponsorship.

The continued high demand on our facilities means that we constantly need to refurbish and 'freshen up' our accommodation rooms in order to continue to provide a comfortable and uplifting environment to the many families who come to stay at our House.

If you would like to sponsor Room 2, please contact Jeannie on 9382 2960 or email jeannie@rmhwa.com.au



• The Box of Frogs make a meal group.

NOT too many cooks...

There is nothing more fun and rewarding than getting together with your co-workers, friends and/or family members to make a meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House.

We provide the kitchen and hungry diners – you provide the food and the chefs extraordinaire!

Though it's not nice to brag, we can't help it as we are very proud to say that we now have 63 organisations on the Make a Meal program.

So if you are into 'team building' for your organisation or just 'want to make a difference', start the New Year off right by coming to cook for our families! To get on board, email jeannie@rmhwa.com.au



Volunteer Maxine McCarthy

Where were you born? At Tressillian Hospital in Nedlands WA

How many children and grandchildren do you have? I have 2 daughters

What prompted you to choose to volunteer at RMH?

I was prompted to choose RHM because I have 2 healthy children and feel very lucky. I thought it would be a good way of helping families with very sick children.

What is your favourite TV show? Gardening Australia

What is your favourite meal? Chicken Parmagiana with salad.

Do you have a special hobby or pastime that you enjoy? Gardening and looking after children.

What have you always wanted to do but haven't yet?

I would love to drive across the Nullabour Plain and when my husband and I retire, that's just what we plan to do.

Who did you look up to as a kid?

My two big brothers

Do you have a hero or someone you admire now?

I don't have a hero but I do admire my brother and his wife who have a severe mentally and physically disabled daughter whom they adore. They are two of the most beautiful people you would every wish to meet and are totally devoted to caring for Kelly and each other.

What funny experience have you had that you'd like to share with us? One of the funniest experiences I've had (and I've had many) was when I was 22 and living in England on a working holiday. I had a phone call from one of my old school friends (Bev) and we arranged to meet in London after her trip to Turkey. When she arrived in London she phoned and explained to me that she had an accident in Turkey after a night out on the town in Istanbul. She apparently ventured down to the water and after too many drinks, slipped and fell face first onto the rocks knocking out her two front teeth! She made me promise not to laugh when I saw her. I promised her that I wouldn't but like me Bev has a wicked sense of humour and when we set eyes on each other, she looked at me with that Benny Hill smile and I lost it. I laughed until my face and stomach ached and she ended up laughing at me because I was laughing so much. That was almost 30 years ago and she is still my best buddy and we still laugh about it today. She had a great dentist and her teeth are beautiful – no more gap!

What is your best attribute? My sense of humour

What are you most proud of? I am very proud of my two beautiful daughters and that I have been a good Mum to them.



• Left to right: Cindy Samiotis, Norma Quin and Fay Corbitt.

Patchwork CREATIONS

The WAGS (Warwick and Greenwood Sewers) are a group of nimble fingered ladies who make and donate patchwork quilts for the children of RMH.

The designs and vivid colours of the quilts are exquisite and it's a special treat for the children to choose their favourite quilt to take home with them.

The ladies also made a beautiful queen-size quilt especially for the charity ball silent auction which fetched a tidy sum on the night.

Meet

Wendy Bartuccio



Wendy Bartuccio has been a valued member of the Ronald McDonald House Board of Management for 8 years and has specialised in organising the annual golf day with much aplomb.

Wendy recently retired after 18 years as the Promotions Manager for the Master Builders Association of WA. With retirement as a part time plan for the future, Wendy looks forward to becoming more involved with RMH on a day to day basis as needed. True to her word, we took Wendy up on her offer and she has been filling in for staff members during leave periods.

Wendy has a passion for travel, eating out and enjoying life with her husband Tony and 18 year old daughter Kate.



Nick O'Hern – the true professional

International Golf Professional – Nick O'Hern is a very loyal supporter of Ronald McDonald House.

Since 2006, Nick has generously donated his appearance fees from golf tournaments around the world to our charity and he is the patron of the annual Nick O'Hern Ronald McDonald House Charity Pro-Am golf day.

Nick's association with Ronald McDonald House was prompted by close friends who stayed at the House while their son underwent treatment for cancer. With their son now in remission, Nick says he is privileged to be able to give something back to the Charity that helped his friends during such a distressing time.

Most recently, Nick extended his support further by donating funds to refurbish the family lounge/dining room. With so much constant use the furnishings were looking a bit threadbare and shabby (not chic)!

This generous donation came in the 'nic' of time and allowed us to purchase 2 new sofas, a big comfy chair, a TV entertainment cabinet, a coffee table, 3 new dining tables and dining chairs.

The end result is just what we hoped for; a truly comfortable and inviting environment and all the families have complimented us on the new décor. THANKS NICK!

Squeaky Clean

Washing windows is one of those jobs that comes around too quickly and too frequently but we're very lucky here at RMH because **Jamie McEwan** from **A Brighter Clean** keeps ours squeaky clean and doesn't charge us a cent! Thanks Jamie for helping us to see clearly.



• Haig Sare and AJ Whalley.

McHappy Day

McHappy Day '08 was held on Saturday the 15th of November and is the largest annual fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Australia-wide Big Mac eaters gave \$1.9 million on McHappy Day when communities, celebrities, volunteers and McDonald's restaurants joined together to raise funds for the many important programs of Ronald McDonald House Charities.

In Western Australia the local community wholeheartedly supported the event and McDonalds Family Restaurants around the State had their share of celebrities cooking up Big Mac's and fries and working the drive thru window (the scariest job ever!).

The staff of Ronald McDonald House also got in on the fun. Alison went to McDonald's Jolimont, Tuart Hill and ended up at McDonald's Innaloo where she had the pleasure of working the drive thru with Haig Sare and AJ Whalley from the Emirates Western Force – gosh it's hard being the EO!

Nola and Jeannie were on duty at Tuart Hill along with local radio stations Sonshine fm 98.5 and 94.5fm. Ambassador Brett Caratti dressed as Batman and the other staff members were decked out Hawaiian style. A local motorcycle club arrived and made everyone eat a Big Mac except us because we fibbed and said we had already eaten 2!

Denise headed to McDonalds Melville and bravely worked the Drive Thru (I hear that she has experience in drive thru at another restaurant whose name we can't mention-only to say that the initials are HJ!).

Joining her was Nathan from Nova and a group of local firemen just in case it got too hot in the kitchen. The staff dressed for the occasion in everything from fairies to the mafia.

We all did so much talking and promoting that none of us even got to eat a Big Mac!



• Residents and neighbours join in the singing.

Carols in the carpark

The resident families of Ronald McDonald House and our local neighbours were treated to Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday, November 26th when local Perth Choir 'TAKE NOTE' performed and got us all well and truly in the spirit of the season.

Children and Adults alike sang along to all the carols we know so well.

Emcee Joel Creasey kept the crowd involved and entertained with his quick wit and engaging personality. Sam Watson – Magician extraordinaire, mesmerized the crowd and enlisted the help of two young assistants from the audience to leave us wondering 'just how did he do that'? These two talented young men are sure to go far!

The evening ended with a surprise visit by Santa who happened to be in the neighborhood on a 'test run' with the reindeers. The jolly man brought lollie bags for all the children and asked them if they'd been naughty or nice. They all said NICE of course!

We intend to hold Carols in the Car Park on an annual basis and encourage even more of our neighbours and supporters to celebrate the start of the Festive Season with the families of Ronald McDonald House.



• The 'Take Note' choir.



Christmas at the 'House'

As Christmas Day approached it was clear to see that a lot of our families wouldn't be able to return to their own homes to celebrate this special time with their families.

Luckily a Christmas Angel named Lesley Johnson (President of Welshpool Rotary Club) rang Alison and offered her services, complete with husband Mel (who happens to be a Chef!) to cook Christmas lunch for the residents of RMH.

Helping on the day, and kindly donating their time as well were Glenys and John Hoar, Alison Merchant and David Pankhurst.

Lesley and Mel were able to get most of the food donated from a number of generous organizations. Eddie Murphy from Dorsogna kindly donated the ham, Ray and Michael from Attitudes on Hair gave a turkey buff, Marg Van Heurck and Kim Howlett-Bussell from ChoiceOne donated wine and beer and David Pankhurst and Alison Merchant brought the mince pies.

Nola Smith, House Manager of RMH said, "These kind people brought the spirit of Christmas with them to share with every Mum, Dad and child staying at Ronald McDonald House. The day was just what the 'doctor ordered' and the families were able to take time out, relax and enjoy a splendid day with a feast of gastronomic delight."





• Left to right: Benita Shiel, Lene Sonder-Sorensen, Ella Hopkinson, Karl Bradshaw, Declan Murphy, Rebecca Davey and Mo Abdul-Gani.

IKEA transforms the teen room

IKEA recently took up the challenge to 'groove up' the Teen Den at RMH. They even changed the name of the room to Swedish 'Ungdomar' which means 'The Young Ones' in English!

The Design Team from IKEA spent hours planning the concept for the room from choosing colours, furniture, lighting, etc.

It all came to fruition when they gave up a whole weekend to paint the walls, install new light fittings and curtains, a new bookcase/TV cabinet, trendy artwork and 2 new eye catching sofas.

The room is now a real retreat for our Teens and looks fantastic and comes complete with a Wii game console, Plasma TV and stereo.

IKEA's support doesn't stop there, the IKEA staff also participates in the Make a Meal program on a regular basis. Not only do they prepare a delicious meal, but they also decorate the tables and the dining room so every time they come to cook becomes a special occasion for the families.

Desperately Seeking Sponsor

for the printing of 'ourhouse' magazine.

Are you the one?

If so, please give us a call on 9382 2960 or email alison@rmhwa.com.au



• Volunteers left to right: Gail Humphries, Julie Green, Barbara Carter, Barbara Ball, Jacqueline Allen and Cathy Parsons

Volunteers are the best...



Each year Ronald McDonald House hosts a dinner in honour of our loyal volunteers who provide endless hours of service to the House and our families.

This year's event was held on November 18th at the historic West Australian Rowing Club on the banks of the Swan River. The volunteers, board members (who are also volunteers!) and staff enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Ultimo Catering and fine wine from Leeuwin Estate Wines. It was a beautiful evening on the Swan and a great chance for the volunteers to relax and have someone wait on them for a change!

Glenn Baker, Chairman of RMH Perth welcomed the volunteers and expressed his admiration and appreciation to them for their support and dedication to Ronald McDonald House over the years.

Our house patron, Adam Gilchrist joined in the festivities and assisted Nola and Marissa in presenting the awards for long service. He then took a few minutes to speak from the heart about his devotion to our charity and the value of each and every volunteer in the room.

Gilly happily posed for photos and signed books, napkins and anything else the volunteers put in front of him.

"These are the people who make the house so special. I really enjoy spending time with the volunteers and sharing their stories," said Adam.

The evening ended with a surprise visit from Perth's own prominent performer, Courtney Murphy who serenaded us with his beautiful voice and songs.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact our house manager Nola Smith on 9382 2960 or email nola@rmhwa.com.au. You'll be happy you did.



ANZ All 4 one

Christmas ExtravaganZA



• Left to right: Rennae Martin, Ian Coleman, Carolyn Coleman, Samuel Martin, Mac and Tom Coleman.

- Emcee Paul Entwistle and Santa's helpers, The Perth Heat.

The 'ANZ ALL 4 One Xmas ExtravaganZA' with presenting partner ANZ was held on November 16, 2008 in the Billy Walker Room at Subiaco Oval.

"ANZ is incredibly proud to be part of such a unique and special occasion, so much so that we plan on doing it all again in 2009 and 2010! It provided our staff with a special volunteering opportunity and to really experience the true meaning of Christmas," said ANZ Promotions and Events Manager Viki Lawless.

For the 2nd year in a row, **Ronald McDonald House, Camp Quality, CanTeen** and the **Starlight Children's Foundation** joined forces to put on the best Christmas Party possible for the parents and children of all four charities.

Over 430 parents and kids attended and enjoyed a day of fun hosted by Paul Entwistle and including entertainment from Perth's own prominent performer Courtney Murphy, the fantastic Variety Youth Choir, the Nova 93.7 Casanovas and interactive rides by Mad Cow Entertainment. Mustard Catering made sure that everyone was well fed and watered with endless supplies of food and drinks. The star of the show and THE main attraction – SANTA, arrived by sled with a present for every child at the party complete with helpers from the **Emirates Western Force** and **Perth Heat**.

"Joining forces with Camp Quality, CanTeen and the Starlight Children's Foundation once again made the event bigger and better than ever enabling children from all four charities to benefit from the celebrations. All of us (charities) make a difference throughout the year to the lives of so many seriously ill children and their families and it made sense to share and celebrate the real spirit of Christmas with them," said Alison Salmond, Executive Officer of RMH.

Introducing Kerri-ann Rothwell, Ambassador of RMH Learning Program WA

Ronald McDonald House Perth is proud to announce the appointment of Kerri-ann Rothwell, Director of Rose Park Investments, as the Ambassador of the Ronald McDonald Learning Program in Western Australia.

Helping kids catch up with their education after serious illness, The Ronald McDonald Learning Program supports kids who have fallen behind by providing one to one tuition and giving them the confidence to return to school.

Kerri-ann will sponsor 6 year old Borden resident, Taj Stubber, who is currently receiving speech therapy and will begin tutoring in early 2009 both of which are provided by the Ronald McDonald Learning Program.

Taj was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia two years ago. After intense chemo-therapy he is now in remission and having treatment and lumbar punctures every three months as part of a maintenance plan.

"I feel honoured to be part of such a great educational initiative. It is just fantastic to have places like Ronald McDonald House Perth who not only house sick kids and their families, but also help the kids get back on track academically and emotionally. This program is vital for young kids who have lost time at school due to illness and need extra encouragement to feel confident in the classroom," said Kerri-ann.

The Principal of Borden Primary School, a cancer survivor himself, is now scouting the local community to assist the Learning Program in locating a suitable tutor for Taj.



• Kerri-ann Rothwell and Taj Stubber. (Photo courtesy of Community Newspaper Group).

How you can help

- **Make a donation** using the form below.
- **Volunteer** if you're looking for a worthwhile way to fill your spare time.
- **Wills and Bequests** will ensure that our vital work continues to assist future generations.
- **Merchandise** with the RMH logo is available at Ronald McDonald House.
- **Corporate Support** make a meal, adopt a room, corporate volunteering or hold a fundraiser.

I would like to donate to Ronald McDonald House Subiaco

If you have recently donated, please accept our sincere appreciation and do not consider this as another request.

You can make a donation by:

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