



Northstar Lottery Group Heats Up the Kitchen at Ronald McDonald House®

Preparing a Home-cooked Meal for Families of Hospitalized Children

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Chicago, IL – August 1, 2013 – Today the employees of Northstar Lottery Group, the private manager of the Illinois Lottery, will participate in the ‘Meals from the Heart’ Volunteer Program and prepare a home-cooked meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House® near Lurie Children’s, located just a couple blocks from the new Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI) keeps families of hospitalized children together in a ‘home away from home’ where they can eat, sleep and find the emotional support they need - just blocks from where their child is being treated. The ‘Meals from the Heart’ Volunteer Program gives the family’s time to relax and replenish after spending a long day at the hospital at their child’s bedside.

“Ronald McDonald House has been a place of healing and comfort for many families,” said Marco Tasso, President and CEO of Northstar Lottery Group. “These families are strong and courageous and we are honored to be able to give them a chance to unwind and enjoy delicious food.”

This evening, families will dine on homemade baby arugula salad, risotto, shrimp pesto pasta, rosemary lemon pepper chicken, grilled vegetables and chocolate-covered fruit for dessert – all prepared by 20 Northstar employees. Dominick’s, a local Lottery retailer, has partnered with Northstar to donate a portion of the food and beverage items.

Northstar Lottery Group has been steadfast with its community service efforts since July 2011, when it officially became the private manager of the Illinois Lottery. Each year, Northstar sponsors various charitable programs and has opened seven *After School Advantage* computer labs around the state in Chicago, Lockport, Washington Park, (near East St. Louis) and Paris. Northstar fully equips these labs with computer hardware, software, online technology and furniture. All seven learning labs are fully operational during after school hours, providing a safe and enriching environment for children and teens in these communities. Visit www.northstarlottery.net for more information on Northstar Lottery Group.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI):

RMHC-CNI is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to care for families of children with complex medical needs by providing a ‘home away from home’ just steps from where their child is being treated in the hospital. Every night, 140 families find comfort, compassion and community at the four area Ronald McDonald Houses® and Ronald McDonald Family Room®. That’s 40,000 nights each year where RMHC-CNI families are able to stay close to their child saving them over \$7 million in hotel costs. We are located near [Advocate Children’s Hospital](#), [Loyola University Medical Center](#), [University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital](#), [Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago](#), and [Edward Hospital in Naperville](#). For more information visit www.RonaldHouseChicago.org. Stay connected - [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#).



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