

The Cocksackie Yacht Club and Albany Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region creates, seeks and supports programs and services that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

Albany Ronald McDonald House provides a haven of comfort, love, healing and hope – free of charge – for critically ill children and their families. The Family Room and Family Suite offer families respite and support within the Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center, close to their ill child and his/her caregivers. Our Dental Care Mobile, in partnership with St. Peter’s Health Care Services, provides free, comprehensive dental care to underserved and underinsured young students. Our community-based Grants Program supports other local charitable organizations and programs that directly improve the lives of children.

Volunteerism is growing amongst Yacht clubs on the Hudson River! Over the past few years, many boat clubs have increased interest in their yacht clubs by including events that reach beyond their own membership and are incorporated into the general public’s interest.

A good example of this was an event that developed as an idea amongst members of the Cocksackie Yacht Club that turned into a full-blown effort by members. (The relationship of one of the members company that worked for Marshal and Sterling, Inc. that works with the Ronald MacDonald House in Albany, led them to fruition of this idea).

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The idea was to raise money amongst Cocksackie Club members and use the money to buy gifts and create a dinner at the Ronald MacDonald House in Albany for the approximately twenty-five family’s staying there. These families have children at the Albany Medical Center Children’s Hospital.

By the end of November \$1060 was raised.

One member, Michele Kern, took advantage of Black Friday to buy gifts to be given out at the Albany Medical Center Children Center.

On Saturday, December 17th, the Cocksackie Member volunteers arrived at the Ronald Macdonald House, with food already purchased, and, using the Ronald Macdonald House Kitchen, and with help from other volunteers at the “house,” cooked for all the family’s that were available. (The weather turned out to be very bad that day so the gifts that were purchased for the children Albany Hospital Medical Center Children Center were left to be given out by the nurses in the hospital).

The event was so well liked by the volunteers that the Cocksackie Yacht Club is going to do more of these events in the coming year.



Brandon & Lindsay Horn, Donnie & Michele Kern, Heather & Jason Jump and Sheila & Michael Jones.