



LITTLE HANDS HELPING LITTLE HANDS BAKING PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DOES THE LITTLE HANDS BAKING PROGRAM HELP THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE?

Volunteers visit the House to bake for the families and children staying here. Freshly-prepared desserts and snacks brighten the day of families who are staying with us while their child is being treated in a local hospital.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE LITTLE HANDS BAKING PROGRAM?

Individuals of any age, over the age of 6 years old, are welcome to volunteer to bake. The program was originally created to provide local schools and youth organizations (children ages 6-16) the opportunity to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island. All volunteers under the age of 16 must be supervised by a parent or another adult at all times.

HOW MANY BAKERS MAY VISIT AT ONE TIME?

Youth groups are limited to no more than 12 participants (10 children plus 2 adult supervisors). Groups of adults are limited to no more than 10 participants please.

WHAT DOES A LITTLE HANDS VOLUNTEER HAVE TO DO?

Volunteers schedule a day and time to visit the House to bake. Part of the fun of participating in the Baking Program is organizing your group and planning what you will prepare. Once you have decided on your dessert ideas, purchase the ingredients needed to create your special treats and then visit the House on your scheduled day. Please arrive at your scheduled time. If you arrive earlier than your scheduled time, you may be asked to wait until your assigned kitchen is ready for use.

Baking volunteers should stay in the kitchen with their group throughout the visit. Restrooms are located near the kitchen. The playroom and playground are off limits to baking volunteers.

PERSONAL HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS?

All participants must wash their hands when they arrive in the kitchen to start baking, prior to putting on disposable gloves, provided by RMH-LI. Long hair should be tied back or a hat may be worn.

WHAT DOES THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PROVIDE?

We have a fully-stocked kitchen, including, but not limited to, utensils, bowls, mixers, and pans, available for your use to bake at the House.



HOW DO I SCHEDULE A DATE TO VISIT THE HOUSE TO BAKE?

Visit our [website](#) to access the [online calendar](#) to schedule a baking date. Please keep your confirmation email in case you need to cancel later.

HOW OFTEN MAY I SIGN UP TO BAKE?

Due to the popularity of the baking program, and the large number of requests for baking sessions, you may schedule three baking session within a six month period.

HOW DO I CANCEL AN ALREADY SCHEDULED DATE/TIME?

Choose "Edit My Sign Up" on the lower left-hand side of your confirmation email. At the bottom of the next screen, click on "Delete" and complete the next screen.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING MY VISIT?

Check-in at the House Reception Desk and complete the required paperwork. If you scheduled a tour, you will meet your tour guide and start your House tour, ending in the kitchen. Prepare your goodies and put them out on the counter for our residents. Once you are finished cleaning up, you are ready to head home.

HOW DO I ARRANGE A HOUSE TOUR?

We welcome you to tour the House. Please check "YES" on the sign-up screen when scheduling your baking date ("Do you want a House tour?").

Our tour guides are scheduled specifically for groups that are visiting the House. If you request a tour when you reserve a date and later decide that you do not want a tour, please let us know this at least three days prior to your baking date by emailing us at bake@rmhlongisland.org, so that the tour guide may be advised of the schedule change.

BAKING AND SNACK IDEAS?

What are the things that your own family likes to snack on? If you enjoy baking from scratch, pies, cookies, cakes, muffins, breads and puddings are favorites. If you like to bake from mixes, cookies, brownies, cakes and cupcakes are always good. Add some fun decorations too. Thinking outside the box? Some groups make yogurt parfaits, chocolate-dipped pretzels, and other fun snacks.

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS REGARDING INGREDIENTS?

Yes. Please do not use any nuts, peanut oil, or any peanut-based products in your baking.

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE IN THE KITCHEN TO BAKE?

Your kitchen time is limited to two (2) hours, including preparation, baking, and clean-up.



HOW MANY DESSERTS DO I NEED TO PREPARE?

You do not need to bake for a specific number of people. Please prepare whatever you will be able to comfortably complete within your allotted time.

WHAT ABOUT CLEAN-UP?

Groups are responsible for kitchen clean-up. Dishes and silverware should be loaded in the dishwasher. Baking pans should be washed by hand and returned to the storage drawers and pantry shelves.

CAN I EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

The Baking Program is a good way for young people to earn community service hours. When you arrive at the House, complete the baking program form at the front desk. Keep the yellow copy of the form that is given to you. This is your receipt, as well as acknowledgement of three hours of community service. We do not provide separate service letters.

WHAT ABOUT TAKING PHOTOS?

You are allowed to take photos while touring the general areas of the House and of your group while baking. However, please be sure that you do not include any families who are staying at the House in your photos.

WHERE IS THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE OF LONG ISLAND LOCATED?

Our street address is:

267-07 76th Avenue

New Hyde Park, NY 11040

STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

Send an email to bake@rmhlongisland.org.

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