

Ronald McDonald House Charities Upper Midwest

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Cooks for Kids DIPS

One of the most important programs that Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest offers is 'Cooks for Kids' a volunteer program that provides home-cooked meals at evening dinner, weekend brunches and Wednesday lunch barbecues in the summer to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We strive to find nine meal providers every week. However, every so often, a meal group has to cancel or a date might go unclaimed. How to resolve this dilemma?

DIPS, Dinner in a Pinch Servers is a group of volunteers on an email list, who are able to jump into action and make sure there is dinner or brunch served when openings exist in the "Cooks for Kids" schedule.

The commitment of being a DIPS member is very easy. An email goes out when a meal is open. If you can help, lead, or have your own group do the meal, reply and begin planning. If you're not available no reply is required. Food donations are also a big help if you are unable to prepare the meal, but still want to lend a hand.