



Dunedin Community Relations

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THE BLUE JAYS RAISE \$10,500 AT ANNUAL CHARITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

DUNEDIN, FL- The Dunedin Blue Jays 2019 Charity Bowling Tournament benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay (RMHC-TB) helped raise \$10,500 on July 13. The Sixth Annual event, held at Dunedin Lanes, was a massive success with more than 150 guests in attendance to support pediatric families staying at one of four Tampa Bay Ronald McDonald Houses. Fans, local businesses, the Dunedin Blue Jays team, RMHC-TB, and staff participated to raise funds to support pediatric families. It was a fun day filled with bowling, raffles, silent auctions, and much more for everyone to enjoy for a great cause.

Since 2013, this tournament has brought together local community members to support Ronald McDonald House. Participants and Sponsors over the past six years have helped to raise over \$55,000 for the charity, which translates to 550 family nights at Ronald McDonald House (at a cost of \$100/night). Coordinator of Community Relations, Matt Woak, summed up the event, “The Dunedin Blue Jays want to thank the fans and sponsors who make this event special every season through their support. We are grateful for our players who continue to give back to the community they have become a part of since arriving in Dunedin. The Blue Jays are proud to partner with a fantastic organization like Ronald McDonald Charities of Tampa Bay, where this bowling tournament makes a difference for many area families who are dealing with sick or injured children.”

The tournament was highlighted by individual high scorers in multiple age groups who won a commemorative autographed bowling ball or pin signed by the entire Dunedin Blue Jays team. In addition, the most spirited team, who sported Hawaiian shirts and hats, was gifted with a Blue Jays prize pack for their enthusiasm throughout the day. The Blue Jays and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay would like to thank everyone for coming out to support such a great cause. We look forward to another successful tournament in 2020.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay (RMHC-TB) provides care for families at four bay area Ronald McDonald Houses in Tampa and St. Petersburg. RMHC-TB is a not-for-profit organization now in its 39th year of providing a safe haven for families with sick children. The four area Houses have provided comfort and care to more than 50,000 families since opening in 1980. For more information, visit www.rmhtampabay.org.