

The Tree of Life

Photo: Jerry Ruotolo



Visitors to Ronald McDonald House New York have noticed *The Tree of Life* wall sculpture has had a number of new leaf additions over the last few months. Several families have honored their Loved Ones with the installation of leaves and have gathered with friends and family to install each leaf on *The Tree of Life* with a special ceremony. This vibrant symbol of life and strength provides each family with an extraordinary way to memorialize and celebrate the life of someone special. As time goes by and more and more leaves are added, *The Tree of Life* will continue to refresh and support the House.

The financial support generated for Ronald McDonald House New York from *The Tree of Life* enables the House to offer more than just a place to sleep when families travel to New York City for their child's cancer treatment. Like a tree, the House provides shelter, has many branches of support and gives us strength in

times of turmoil. The House is a home-away-from-home, a place with an extended family and life-long friendships with those who are there when you need them.

Leaves are engraved with a message and the name of the person being honored. Each leaf may be purchased for \$2,500. Your leaf will be placed on *The Tree of Life* and you will receive a beautiful glass tile to acknowledge the installation of the leaf in your Loved One's name. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to offer services to families arriving today, tomorrow and in the years ahead.

For more information or to purchase a leaf, please contact Patrick Lenz, Director of Major Gifts, at 212.639.0600 or plenz@rmdb.org.

Where Hope Has A Home

This unique recognition piece has been added as a component to our Gala program, presented annually to selected Honorees. Designed by friend of the House and acclaimed artist Nina Wallin, this distinctive glass piece encompasses the essence of the children and families staying at Ronald McDonald House New York. Each piece is individually hand-cut, ground to fit, hand-painted and fired. No two are exactly alike. To view other works designed by Nina Wallin, visit her website at www.sandywallin.com.

