

MEMBERS HELPING OTHERS

Gomez & Friends Help at Ronald McDonald House

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John Gomez and members of the Gomez Firm, together with others they put together, volunteered for a night at the Ronald McDonald House. The experience motivated them to return a second time. On April 29 and again on July 22, members of the Gomez firm and others they collected provided dinner, lent moral support, cleaned, donated toiletries and art supplies, and set up an arts and crafts table for some added fun for the children at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. John explained his motivation for selecting volunteer evenings at the Ronald McDonald House as follows: "We try to reach out in the community because we feel it makes us better lawyers and people. We also hope that every little thing we do makes the people we encounter understand trial lawyers a little bit more."

The Ronald McDonald House Charities creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children by creating innovative, effective programs that address targeted needs, and by supporting these programs and other activities conducted by its local chapters worldwide. RMHC has three core programs that help families in need: Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Room and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. There are many volunteer and support opportunities available for those who want to participate. For more information, visit the website at www.rmhc.com.

The volunteers, pictured below, include John Gomez and CASD members Steve Vosseller, Maria Palmieri and James Iagmin, as well as the San Diego Girls U15 Surf Team.

