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# **Sperry Volunteers Prepare Meal for Families at the Ronald McDonald House**

## *Team from the Credit Union Volunteered Their Time to Prepare Dinner for Families Going Through Difficult Times*

**New Hyde Park, NY, April 11, 2019** – With the clattering of pots and pans echoing across the kitchen, staff members from Sperry Associates Federal Credit Union (Sperry) worked to prepare dinner for 85 guests staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island.

First opened in New Hyde Park in 1986, the Ronald McDonald House serves as a “home-away-from-home” for families with sick children across the region. By providing comfort and lodging to families experiencing the pain of having a sick child in area hospitals, the House provides the parents and siblings of these children with a temporary haven in a secure and comfortable environment among other families sharing a similar burden.

“As anyone who has had a sick child will tell you, alleviation of some of the daily stresses has a big impact,” Kevin J. Healy, Sperry’s Chief Executive Officer, said. “By preparing this meal, we hope we were able to make things a bit easier for those going through a difficult time. We are happy to supplement some of the incredible work that the Ronald McDonald House does on a daily basis.”

The team from Sperry lovingly prepared a multi-course meal for those staying at the House that included marinated chicken tenders, baked cheeseburger-style pasta, a fresh garden salad, and various desserts.

“We are truly grateful for the efforts of everyone from Sperry,” said Betti McClellan, the House’s Director of Volunteers and Programs. “Our families always appreciate having a home-cooked meal after a long day, and we’re lucky to have such a strong network of passionate volunteers.”

To find out how you or your organization can volunteer their time at the Ronald McDonald House, you can visit <https://rmhlongisland.org/meals-from-the-heart/>.

### **About Sperry Associates Federal Credit Union:**

*Sperry Associates Federal Credit Union (Sperry) is a full-service member-owned financial institution with over 80 years of experience in providing high-quality financial services to Long Islanders. Sperry has over \$250 million in total assets, and serves more than 16,000 members from their headquarters in Garden City Park – located in the heart of Nassau County.*

*Sperry members also have access to services at more than 5,600 shared service centers located across the country. For more information about Sperry, visit [www.SperryFCU.org](http://www.SperryFCU.org) or by calling (800) 676-5512.*

### **About the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island**

*Keeping families close in the midst of a medical crisis*

*The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island is the 100th House of over 380 Ronald McDonald House programs worldwide. Located in New Hyde Park on the campus of the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York, the House accommodates families in a warm and supportive environment. Through a series of programs and services, families staying at RMH-LI are able to focus on their child's recovery. Home-cooked meals prepared by volunteers, transportation to and from medical appointments, a comfortable place to stay just steps from their child's bedside and support from other families going through a similar experience allow parents to recharge for the challenges of the next day.*

*For over 32 years, RMH-LI has served over 32,000 families in the United States and more than 80 countries around the world who are dealing with the pain of having a child undergoing medical treatment at nearby hospitals.*

*For more information, please visit [www.rmhlongisland.org](http://www.rmhlongisland.org).*