

TEXAS NARFE

Making a Difference in the Community

A Federation – Wide Project

PURPOSE: To donate pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald Houses

SLOGAN: *TEXAS NARFE “pulling” for Ronald McDonald Houses*

Every Chapter and every member can take part in this new project. At each of your meetings have your members bring their pull tabs from their beverage cans. When you have a sizeable amount, take a picture and get in your local newspaper. You will be surprised at how many calls you will receive wanting to donate pull tabs.

At the State Convention in San Antonio we collected over 400 lbs from Chapters throughout the State of Texas. These tabs were delivered to the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald House on May 20, 2009. The Ronald McDonald House was extremely appreciative of this gift and will put the money derived to good use.

The Texas Federation President drew a name of the next recipient Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Texas, Dallas, Texas will receive the pull tabs collected by the Federation during the next two years.

At the end of the next two year cycle of collection we would like to award the Chapter collecting the most pull tabs. Therefore, we ask all Chapters to do the following:

- 1) Collect all pull tabs.
- 2) Bring the entire Chapter Collection to the your District Convention in 2010. Be sure all containers are clearly marked with the weight and Chapter number.
- 3) This collection will be tabulated and the Federation will keep track of the numbers
- 4) Chapters should continue to collect pull tabs through the year following the 2010 and repeat the process for the 2011 District Conventions.
- 5) At the State Convention in Galveston in April 2011, the Chapters that collected the most pull tabs for the previous two years will be announced and Awards made.
- 6) Following the State Convention, the pull tabs will be delivered to the Dallas Ronald McDonald House.

These little pull tabs play a very important part in the operation of the Ronald McDonald House. The money received from them is used for supplies to keep them going. Something so small can make a difference. It takes 1,267 tabs make 1 pound. To date 400 million tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.

All Ronald McDonald Houses provide a home-away-from-home for parents of children that are being treated for a life-threatening illness or disease for reduced or no cost. Currently there are 271 Houses in 30 countries throughout the World.

We hope all 14,000 Texas NARFE members will pitch in and help collect pull tabs for this noteworthy project of the Texas Federation of Chapters.

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OUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE