

April Angels

Each year, our generous convention attendees bring items to be donated to local charities or organizations. Items collected at the 2012 convention will be given to a representative at the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday evening. That will allow our Saturday only attendees to participate as well. We have selected two organizations as our **Convention Cause**.



Ronald McDonald House

Pop Tab Collection

Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time. Some of RMHC Chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections. **Why?** Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support RMHC and know they are making a difference for families and children. **How much?** After the tabs are collected, the local RMHC Chapter brings the collection to local recycling centers, where they are weighed to determine their value (values can vary significantly). The recycling center then sends the local RMHC Chapter a check for the total value. **Still don't think it can make a difference?** While it does vary by Chapter, RMHC Upper Midwest raises approximately \$30,000 a year through their pop tab program. Now that is a lot of pop tabs! Did you ever think it could be so easy to help families in need? *Why not ask your family, friends and co-workers to save their tabs too?*

Camp Good Days & Special Times

is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer and other life challenges. All of the programs and services provided by Camp Good Days are offered free of charge for the participants, which is only possible through the generosity of so many individuals and organizations and the success of their many special fundraising events. Camp Good Days provides residential camping programs at their beautiful recreational facility, located on the shores of Keuka Lake in Branchport, NY, as well as year round recreational and support activities in the Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse and Ithaca areas for the entire family, who are facing the toughest challenges of life. At Camp Good Days, participants have the opportunity to regain some of what cancer, sickle cell anemia, or violence has taken away from them. While nothing they can do at Camp Good Days will find a cure for cancer or other life threatening challenges, everything they do will help to provide some good days and special times for the very special children and families they serve. ***Camp Good Days is a celebration of life, with those who appreciate it the most...a place where courage knows no boundaries.*** Some of the programs offered include: a program for children with cancer or sickle cell anemia; adult oncology; additional children's programs; family programs and brain tumor families. ***Night of Gratitude!*** This special evening honors the path our Sassy Survivors have walked. On this night they each take a moment to recognize someone (a friend, family member or loved one) or something (a book, a movie or website) that has inspired us and share a brief reason why. It is a healing event and one filled with gratitude for all the blessings they have. For this event, ***pretty candles are donated for the Sassy Survivors to shine.*** Visit the web site to find out more about Camp Good Days and "Teddi", for whom the camp was started. ***Camp Good Days is committed to the 2020 Cancer Mission-The end of cancer by the end of the decade.***