

# Pinball Bringing Joy to Children and Families at the RMHC of Chattanooga in Tennessee

Project Pinball Charity Group teams up with Classic Arcade Pinball Museum in the Chattanooga, TN, area to dedicate a Hot Wheels pinball machine to the children and families of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chattanooga as part of their Pinball Placement Program.

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Just in time for the Summer, Project Pinball Charity will be placing a Hot Wheels Pinball Machine by American Pinball in the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chattanooga located in TN. This dedication will be the first dedication along the 1st Part of their 9th Annual Love Across America Tour. A few years ago, the team from Classic Arcade Pinball Museum in Chattanooga approached the Project Pinball Team at Southern Fried Gaming Expo in Atlanta, GA, with the idea to place a machine at their local RMHC. Since then the Chattanooga pinball community has worked hard to raise donations, and now finally a therapeutic tool will be donated to benefit the children, families, caregivers, and hospital staff at the RMHC of Chattanooga.

Project Pinball Charity was invited to oversee the set-up of the machine and to implement their Pinball Placement Program, which serves to benefit Children's Hospitals and Ronald McDonald House Charities through therapeutic relief and fun. American Pinball has designed an incredibly entertaining pinball machine, and the Team at Project Pinball Charity is excited to welcome the RMHC of Chattanooga into their Pinball Placement Program.

Children and families at the House will discover the therapeutic benefits a pinball machine provides as they are given the opportunity to distract their minds from tough circumstances. Ensuring the perfect Dedication Day and experience for everyone involved has been a huge team effort from day one.

Project Pinball Charity's Senior Founder/Director Daniel Spolar highlights the importance of giving back locally:

“When Project Pinball heard about the RMHC of Chattanooga, we were extremely impressed with how they have a special way to comfort kids and families. We wanted to

do something special for them so, in turn, they could keep doing amazing things for others, especially in times like this.”

Daniel explains how this donation is one for the books:

“This will be the first pinball machine placed for Project Pinball Charity’s 9th Annual Love Across America Tour, and we are beyond excited to see this happen after all the hard work both teams have put into making this the safest, and best, pinball machine dedication. We are thankful for this opportunity to do such impactful things with pinball.”

After Project Pinball Charity finishes their Summer 2023 Love Across America Tour, they will have placed 68 pinball machines throughout the United States in Children’s Hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses. Project Pinball Charity is an advocate for the rehabilitation and health of each patient and their families. All in attendance for dedications through Project Pinball Charity’s Pinball Placement Program are urged to bring a mask in the pursuit of protecting the health of these communities.

### **About Project Pinball Charity Group, Inc.**

Project Pinball Charity Group, Inc. is dedicated to providing recreational relief to all patients and their families, as well as physicians and nurses who care for them at their local Children’s Hospitals and RMHCs. A pinball machine is a powerful tool that offers therapeutic benefits, which fits perfectly with the dynamics of a hospital environment. It progresses patients' healing while keeping them active and mobile, not to mention it is stimulating and fun entertainment. Project Pinball provides all the equipment, parts, supplies, and regular maintenance at no cost to the Children’s Hospital. With each visit and testimony, Project Pinball is realizing the power one pinball machine can have when placed in the right setting.

To learn more about Project Pinball Charity Group, visit their website at <http://projectpinball.org>

### **About the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chattanooga in Chattanooga, TN**

“Helping a sick child fight their illness takes a big emotional toll on a family. Adding a financial strain can make it almost too much to bear. Our Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room provide compassionate hospitality to families of hospitalized children daily.

The House offers all the comforts of home including restful places to sleep, spacious kitchens and dining rooms, entertainment rooms with play areas, a library, laundry facilities, playground and computer access.

Volunteers from the community prepare home cooked meals for dinner each evening in our spacious kitchen and a well-stocked pantry provides staples for guests to prepare their favorite breakfast or lunch.

Interaction with volunteers, staff and other guest families contribute to the supportive and positive environment, allowing families to focus on being close to their children.”

(<https://rmhchattanooga.com/what-we-do/>)

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