

2016 VIRGINIA GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charlottesville invites you to join in a wonderful Charlottesville holiday tradition - the **Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Gingerbread House Competition!** This year's theme is "Christmas Memories". We encourage participants to use their creativity to design houses that reflect what these words mean to them. Inspired creations will be on display December 4th - 7th at the Omni Hotel in the heart of Downtown Charlottesville.



CONTEST ENTRIES

The Gingerbread House Competition is open to anyone who would like to enter. To be eligible for the competition a signed and completed Entry Form must be received by the Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville by Sunday, November 27, 2015. Entries may be mailed or dropped off in person. Gingerbread houses that are not pre-registered will not be accepted

CATEGORIES

Gingerbread House Competition entry categories will be divided in to two divisions: Individual and Team, with age-based Categories in each Division. Division and Categories are as follows:

Individual Division: Amateur Adult (age 18+), Teen (ages 13-17), Youth (ages 9-12), and Child (ages 4-8).

Team Division: Professional Chef/Baker, Business Team, Family and Group/Organization (i.e. Scout Troops, school/church groups). A Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry.

ENTRY FEES

Individual Division: \$10

Team Division: \$20

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

- Each house must contain gingerbread.
- Each house must be created on a sturdy, stable base no larger than 2x2 feet.
- Houses must be made entirely of edible products with the exception of the base.
- No artificial display materials such as Styrofoam, cardboard, or plastic are allowed for construction or display.
- Entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Other unique designs are welcomed.

JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA

Judging will be held by Tuesday, December 6th, 2016. Winners will be announced Tuesday evening, December 6th, at 7 pm.

Entries will be judged on the basis of appearance, originality, creativity, difficulty and precision. Each area will be graded on a scale from 1-5 by the judges. The entry in each category with the highest points will win first place.

HOUSE DROP OFF & REMOVAL

Completed gingerbread houses must be delivered to the Omni Hotel on Friday, December 2nd, between 10 am and 6 pm or Saturday, December 3rd, between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Public display of the houses will begin on Sunday, December 4th, at 4 pm. Houses may not be removed after the close of the display on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2 pm. Houses not picked up by 5 pm on December 7th will become the property of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charlottesville.

Virginia Gingerbread Christmas

Entry Form



To enter the Virginia Gingerbread Christmas House Competition submit Entry Form and Fees to: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charlottesville, 300 9th St. SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903 **by Sunday, November 27, 2016**. No late entries accepted. One Entry Form per submission. Please make checks payable to RMH of Charlottesville.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address (required): _____

DIVISION/CATEGORY (Select One)

Individual Division: (\$10):

Adult Amateur (18 years+) Teen (13-17) Youth (9-12) Child (4-8)

Team Division (\$20):

Professional Chef/Baker Business Family Group/Organization

Name of Business/Organization and/or Participants, including ages if under 18 (Team Entries Only):

Gingerbread House Title: _____

Would you like to donate your house to the Gingerbread House Silent Auction? Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Ronald McDonald House (circle one) YES /NO
