

March 3,2017

Dear Student,

We are very pleased you have chosen to attend the Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU COM) AIM HIGH or AIM HIGHER camp! We are looking forward to providing you with unique and exciting opportunities to help you better understand what a career in health care truly means. Ronald McDonald Houses provide just such an opportunity. Perhaps you are familiar with their mission and service to the community from a personal, family or a friend's experience or through advertisements. If you are not familiar Ronald McDonald Houses, they provide a home away from home for families with children receiving critical medical treatment in hospitals in the area. Many families come from across the globe to access services that they are unable to obtain in their hometown.

We are fortunate to have a Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale. One evening during camp, you and the other camp members, faculty and medical students will have the privilege of preparing an evening meal for the resident families at the Fort Lauderdale House. This will be a fun and bonding experience while we prepare a meal for the families and interact with parents and children who are facing unpredictable and difficult times. It is our hope that through this experience, you will come to better understand the family impact of disease and illness. We know this experience will be one you will not forget.

We are also asking that you bring an item or items from the attached Ronald McDonald House Wish List. We are concurrently running a Ronald McDonald House drive for items from the Wish List at the NSU Health Professions Division. We will bring all the collected items with us when we go to prepare the dinners.

We are looking forward to seeing you in June and want you to know we have a week planned which we are confident will be one you will remember well into the future!

Warmest regards,

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