

Dinner Service at Ronald McDonald (New York Branch July 2016)

With the grace of Satguru Mata Savinder Hardev ji Maharaj, volunteers of the New York Branch, had the opportunity to serve at a local facility known as House of Ronald McDonald's. House of Ronald McDonald is a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to serve families of the seriously ill children seeking treatment at partnering hospitals. Several other NGOs also help run this program via food drives, pantry fulfillment, preparation of meal as well as monetary donations.



New York Branch's Social Service Dept. joined hands with House of Ronald McDonald's over two years ago. The partnership since then has been flourishing rather rapidly. **Volunteers of the New York Branch help support this facility via annual cook off as well food drives.**



On July 23rd., 2016, a team of 13 volunteers under the guidance of rev. Swaran Nayak, prepared a meal for approximately 125 members including residents of the facility as well as the crew in charge. Keeping the audience in mind, Italian as well as traditional Indian dishes were on the menu. Volunteers arranged for fresh ingredients complemented with loads of unconditional love. As the meal was being prepared, an atmosphere of

complete serenity was quite evident. Soft smiles coupled with gentle nods of agreement were often seen exchanged between the volunteering crew and the residents.



As the prepared meal was setup in buffet fashion, the bliss at once quadrupled witnessing beaming faces approaching the table. Volunteers stood behind the counter welcomed and expressed immense joy towards every person and the sentiments were reciprocated with even greater sense of gratefulness.



Letter of appreciation is uploaded on the branch website and can be accessed via following link.

http://www.nirankari.org/newyork/reports/2016/RONALD_MC_July_2016_NY.pdf

Volunteers of the New York Branch humbly pray and thank the almighty formless for blessing such platform to help spread the message of love, compassion and humility and look forward to many more such occasions to come our way.