

On the occasion of Guru Pooja Diwas, the New York branch paid tribute to His Holiness Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj by following his teachings to serve humanity. With the blessings of Mata Savinder Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj, NY branch organized a food drive to help support the residents of the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island.

The Ronald McDonald House of Long Island is a home away from home for families of severely sick children. It is a shelter offered to families who have sick children receiving treatment in Cohen's Children's Hospital next door. The Ronald McDonald House offers a place to live with meals free of charge. Saints from the Sangat donated over \$2500 worth of food items, paper goods, toiletries and electronics to the noble cause. Such generous donations will help the Ronald McDonald House allow more families to stay. These donations also allow the House to offer many services such as free laundry, meditation rooms, computers and games for children and families.



Saints helped such families struggling with sick children to be at ease. With such kind donations, the parents do not have to think about things such as cooking dinner or taking care of siblings of the sick child. Instead, the parents can focus all of their energy on the sick child and his treatment. Saints inspired Anthony Ince, the manager of a local Walmart, with this noble cause that he also donated a \$75 gift card and helped load items to the transportation vehicles.



Representatives from the Ronald McDonald House, Laura and Charlie Chazan, attended the Guru Puja Diwas occasion and were grateful to accept the donations. They were filled with emotion during their address to the congregation. Charlie exclaimed that he truly agrees with Baba Ji's message, as posted on the wall, that our world needs bridges and not walls. He further stated that "serving those who you have never met is true love." The representatives amazed at the documentary on Baba Ji's life and asked questions regarding his teachings. They also enjoyed the community meal prepared by local devotees.



At the conclusion of the event, volunteers of the New York Branch took multiples trips to the Ronald McDonald House in order to transport the food items and electronics. We look forward to the summer, when we will cook dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. It was an honor to host such guests and to be able to serve humanity. We pray that may Hazoor Mata Ji bless us with many more precious sewa opportunities in the future.

