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## **Northridge Prep Serves Christmas Lunch to Terminally Ill Children**

NILES—Spreading Christmas cheer, Northridge Prep seniors Brett Balasa, David Nuccio, Christian Arevalo, Jacob Avila, and 7th grader Tejus Mathew served lunch to families of chronically and terminally ill children at the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola Medical Center on Dec 22. Dr. Paul Keough, who coordinated the event, also brought his sons Cullum and Benen to help.

The lunch menu was self-serve beef tacos with all the fillings, rice on the side, lemonade, and desserts. The Ronald McDonald House volunteers provided a tour of the home that is designed after the movie *The Secret Garden* [1993], including a chapel, a garden playroom, a recreation room and a nautilus room. The Northridge Knights cleaned up the kitchen, stored leftover food and presented the house with the five “welcome bags” (one for each of Dr. Keough’s classes). Each bag included bottled water, games, snacks, gift cards and change for phone calls. Families at Ronald McDonald House were grateful to NRP for the meal, the welcome bags and most of all for the attention and company during this Christmas season.

*\*Northridge Preparatory School is an independent college preparatory school for young men in grades 6–12 in Niles, Illinois. A Top Ten School in Chicago [Chicago Sun-Times], Northridge was also named a Top 96 School in America [US News & World Report].*

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