

## Amy Brazil and Jerry

Renowned dog-painter, Amy Brazil, is creating a one-of-a-kind artwork of Jerry, the Ronald McDonald House dog! The special painting will be unveiled at this year's Fam Glam gala and will proudly be displayed at the Ronald McDonald House soon after. Prints will be made available to the general public as a fundraiser to support RMHC-UM.

Her realistic paintings incorporate contemporary or abstract backgrounds and often add intrigue with the utilization of Swarovski crystals, metals and semi-precious stones. "A few years ago I decided to paint what I loved and inspired me...dogs. I painted from the heart, and used my brush strokes to capture the humor, emotion and inner thoughts of the dogs on canvas with a fresh, unique approach," said Amy. The award-winning artist is perhaps best known for her painting of Target Corporation's mascot Bullseye, which is now displayed at Target's corporate headquarters in Minneapolis.

"I had the incredible opportunity to visit the Ronald McDonald House this spring, and I was amazed at what I saw and how Jerry, the Ronald McDonald House's lovable dog, was a blessing to the children staying there," said Amy. "As I was visiting, I met a young girl going through chemotherapy, and her Mom said to me, 'Seeing Jerry is the one time each day I know she's genuinely happy.' This dog brings smiles to these kids' faces amidst all they are going through."

"And now, I am looking forward to painting an original portrait of Jerry. This portrait will bring this amazing dog to life for those beyond the walls of the Ronald McDonald House and will help to raise money for the children who stay here."



Artist Amy Brazil poses with Jerry.

Amy Brazil has galleries in Minneapolis and Naples, Florida. For more information visit [www.amybrasil.com](http://www.amybrasil.com).

## Chuck & Don's: Jerry's Best Friend!

Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet has graciously partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest to sponsor Jerry! Not only has the award-winning pet store chain supplied Jerry with all of his food, treats, grooming and squeaky toys for the next year, but they have created Jerry plush toys that each child staying at the RMH will be able to take home with them. In fact, you can purchase your very own Jerry plush toy at any Chuck & Don's store for a \$10 donation to Ronald McDonald House.

Jerry has even gone on a celebrity tour to each Chuck & Don's location and has made tons of new doggy friends! This partnership has been incredibly significant for the House and we always look forward to our monthly visits to Chuck & Don's!

**Jerry has his own web page!**

Visit him at: [www.rmhc-um.org/jerry](http://www.rmhc-um.org/jerry)

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