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In my search to find a new volunteer opportunity, I wrapped up another prior volunteer experience at an elderly center. My company is affiliated with Elder wood Senior Center in New York City, which is the home of many senior citizens. Our role is to give back to them and the community by celebrating their birthdays with them, preparing meals for them and playing games with them. Many senior citizens at the Center look forward to the day that we come because we bring a sense of newness and excitement that they only experience a few times a month. Over the period that we have volunteered there the elderly citizens have continuously expressed their gratitude and even called us their family. This week we also completed a huge volunteer experience with Ronald McDonald charity. The Ronald McDonald organization is one that raises money for children who are struggling with cancer. On this given day, we spent an evening with the kids doing activities to put a smile on their face and to show them that there are people out there who care about them. For a couple of months up until this big day, we raised money to give to the Ronald McDonald organization. The day was a success and it was nice to know that each child there appreciated our presence. I look forward to my next volunteer experience and over this week I will hopefully confirm with a new opportunity.