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Mission

Ronald McDonald House Charities creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Our mission is to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are being treated in Tulsa hospitals.

Key Players at the House

As the local non-profit corporation that owns and operates the Tulsa Ronald McDonald House, the **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa, Inc.** operates through its Board of Directors and Advisory Board, composed entirely of volunteers. These incredible volunteers—parents, health professionals, McDonald's representatives, business/civic leaders, and community activists—share their time, talent, and resources to ensure the continued success of this "home-away-from-home" for families with seriously ill or injured children. Our paid staff members, along with our dedicated in-house volunteers working daily shifts, complete the equation, providing immeasurable support to our families, hospitals, volunteers, donors and community as a whole.

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Letter from the President of the Board

Dear Past and Present Board Members, Advisory Board Members, Owner/Operators, Volunteers, Staff and all Friends of the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa:

It is with a sense of deep commitment that I enter the coming year with you. Our stated mission of providing a safe "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are being treated in Tulsa hospitals for serious medical illness or injury is a difficult one to fulfill. As you know well, the financial and emotional toll on the parents and siblings of an ill or injured child can be overwhelming.

Housing upwards of 22 families a day involves operational expertise in scheduling, housekeeping, buildings and grounds, guest relations, regulatory compliance, information systems, financial management, and close coordination between our staff and many invaluable volunteers. It is no easy task on a day to day basis.

In visiting with past Board Chairs and long serving Board members, one challenge stands out. The past 25 years have been very successful ones for our House. Those that have been involved from day one can speak clearly to the drive and the passion that lead to the House being built and the solid financial foundation that has been placed beneath it. But unfortunately the world does not stand still and replicating success year in and year out is no easy task. You football fans know how rare it is for any team to win back to back Super Bowls. How do we keep up the same level of dedication, vision and commitment that built this House as we enter Stage II of our history? That is challenge number one. If we meet it and address it together, all the other challenges we face, it is certain, will be overcome.

We will together manage our finances so as not to create any cracks in the solid foundation that has been built for us over the years. At the same time, we will grow by undertaking a few new key initiatives. The two efforts go hand in hand. Grow, or shrink and decline. These new initiatives will have one requirement —the initiative must further enhance and

bolster our ability to meet our core mission. At the remarkable International Conference for Houses I had the privilege of attending in August, it became clear that many Houses have initiated programs that are an amazing success and that meet that requirement. And I am not including in my comparison programs undertaken by the mega houses in New York, Chicago or Philadelphia. I am including benchmark programs in places like Toledo, Ohio, Canberra, Australia, the mountains of rural China and, yes, Oklahoma City.

Over the years, we have done so much to get us where we are, and we have done it excellently and well. But only pure ego would prevent us from benchmarking against Houses around the World and not admit we can't learn how to do some new and different things from them. The Board will be working through and vetting various possible new initiatives in the next few months. We look forward to sharing them with you as the year progresses

The Board will work closely with Jean Ann and her team as she enters her second year as our new Executive Director and faces her duties with her usual enthusiasm and drive. The Board is an already extremely strong one and the addition of some new members that have a wealth of different experience and talent will only make us that much stronger. The sound counsel of the Advisory Board members is another invaluable link as we face our challenges. The House would never have gotten to where we are and could not continue to exist without the input and financial/promotional support of our Owner/Operators. Without our invaluable volunteers the house cannot operate on a day to day basis. Simply put, it will continue to require a team effort from all of us to achieve our goals.

Thank you for being involved in and supporting this critically important cause. Please feel free to e-mail me at gurn@ccok.com at any time during the year with questions, comments or concerns. I will do my very level best to keep us on the path of success that has been forged over the years by many of you.

Sincerely, Greg Burn, Board President



McDonald's Annual "Give A Hand" Fundraiser

On November 10, McDonald's will celebrate **McHappy Day**, which will kick-off the annual **"Give A Hand" fundraiser** in participating U.S. restaurants. Customers can purchase paper Hands for \$1, \$3, or \$5 between November 10 – 20, to support Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) – McDonald's "Charity of Choice." The annual fundraiser is part of McDonald's longstanding commitment to families and children's well-being, with all fundraiser proceeds benefiting families in need in local communities across the United States and around the world.

Forever in our Hearts

We would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of these incredible children who touched our lives and will remain forever in our hearts.

Avery Chuckluck - Miami, OK

Abella Varner - Bartlesville, OK

Patrick Roark - Bartlesville, OK



Love Letters

from our families

Your facility was very friendly and helpful. This was greatly appreciated in these trying and difficult times. Your home took a financial burden off of us that we cannot begin to thank you enough. We could not afford to be with our newborn if the Ronald McDonald House didn't provide a place for us to stay.

- family from Fort Smith, AR

The Tulsa Ronald McDonald House is a miracle and I am grateful beyond words!

- family from Tushka, OK

We felt very much at home. Thank you very much in our time of need.

- family from Bartlesville, OK

We are so very grateful to have been blessed by the Ronald McDonald House during our hospital stay. Thank you so much; we can never express how much it means to us!

- family from Bentonville, AR

Thank you so much for all the help! I don't know what we would have done without the Ronald McDonald House. We can never thank you enough.

- family from Muskogee, OK

Thank y'all so much! Everything was great! You were a big help to our family in our time of need!

- family from Jay, OK



Letter from the Executive Director

STRENGTH in Numbers... it starts with us!

In August, I attended the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) International Conference which was themed STRENGTH in Numbers... it all starts with us. What a fitting theme to sum up this past year at RMHC of Tulsa. Through our collective efforts we are able to help families find strength, stability and vital resources so they can focus on what's most important – their child. This cannot be accomplished with just a few. We rely on our Board, Volunteers, Owner/Operators, Donor's, Guest Chef's, Fundraisers, Staff and many more to give STRENGTH to each other and to the families we serve. It brings our mission to life.

Although Tulsa has only one Ronald McDonald House, we do not stand alone. We have a strong Global office that provides resources throughout the year. RMHC is a charity that you can trust which has served families for 41 years. RMHC is the Charity of Choice by respected companies like McDonald's®, Southwest Airlines® and BrandSource® to name a few. RMHC meets all 20 of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability. And RMHC makes every penny count – nearly 86 cents of every dollar spent globally is used to fund our programs.

STRENGTH in Numbers... it all starts with you and me. Please become one of the many that make a difference in the lives of the families we serve by getting involved in our House in whatever capacity you can. No matter what you do, the cumulative impact is profound.

Gratefully yours, Jean Ann Hankins, Executive Director

Want to help the House but unsure on how?

Here are some ways you can help:

- Send a tax-deductible contribution today! Your gift can be an individual, company or group donation, or a memorial or tribute on behalf of a loved one.
- Check with your company to see if they offer a Matching Gifts program in which they will match dollar-for-dollar the donation of their employees or retirees to the charities of their choice.
- Get your organization involved by sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the House. Please check with the House first for fundraising forms and to discuss your ideas.
- Consider offering products and/or services to the House.
- Volunteer your time and talent by joining our team. Become an in-house volunteer, cooking volunteer or help with fundraiser and special events.
- Schedule a Ronald McDonald House speaker to come talk to your group or company.
- Help organize a campaign in your community to increase awareness and raise funds to support the House. Get your churches, schools, civic and service organization involved.



Adopt A Room

Annual Room Sponsorship Program

Our Annual Room Sponsorship Program allows the community to help provide an affordable “*home-away-from-home*” for families and their critically ill or injured children seeking medical treatment in one of the Tulsa area Hospitals. Room sponsorship allows you, your company or organization to be the exclusive room partner on one of the 24 guest rooms at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa. We provide all the comforts of home to help lift the financial, physical and emotional burdens so parents, in turn, can give the best of themselves in caring for their children. A minimal fee of \$10 per night is asked of families when most can only average \$2 per night; no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. (Our actual cost to operate a room is \$80 per night.)

Your funding will sponsor all the families who sleep in that room throughout the year and help underwrite the cost of one room’s annual operating expenses.

Benefits to You

The Ronald McDonald House is proud to recognize our generous Adopt-A-Room sponsors in the following ways:

- A plaque of recognition to display at your home, office or business.
- Prominent signage outside of your adopted room, which can be seen by hundreds of individuals each year who take a tour of our House as well as families who stay at the House.
- Recognition in our newsletters, reports and on our website.
- Facebook posts mentioning you as an “Adopt-A-Room” partner.
- You will have first right to refusal for the “Adopt-A-Room” partnership for the next year.

Rooms Available for Sponsorships:

A C D E G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W X Y

Rooms Adopted:

Room B - BP Pipelines & Logistics Room F - Anonymous

Room Makeovers *remodeled—updated the room with newer items*

Room A - ADPi Alumnae Room D - Linza Jones Family
Room C - Talent Family

YES! I would like to Adopt-A-Room!

Please check one of the following payment options:

- ☐ \$417 - 12 monthly payments
☐ \$1,250 - quarterly payments
☐ \$5,000 - Annual Payment

My plaque should read: (Please PRINT)

This room generously “adopted” by:

Signature

Date

Name

Company Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone/Fax

Email

All donations are tax-deductible. We appreciate your support of the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa.

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

For an easy, secure way to donate, visit: rmhtulsa.org

Please make checks payable to:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa, Inc.

Mail completed form to:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa, Inc.

6102 S. Hudson Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136-2020



Events around the



On Saturday, March 16th the House received 32 new mattresses from Tempur-Pedic. We had such great help that the whole mattress swap took less than three hours! We had help from local employees of McDonald's, Coca-Cola and the Tulsa Police Department as well as some of our very own House volunteers! We are so grateful for all the help!



\$61,913
value donation!



On Saturday, August 31, 2013 the Hal Smith Restaurant Group held the 2013 Run for the House where all the proceeds benefited the House. There were approximately 70 runners who participated in the 5K and about 20 who participated in the 1K fun run.

The Run raised around \$2,000 for the House! Many thanks for all those who participated!



House

On May 20, 2013 McDonald's McCafe released the Blueberry Pomegranate smoothie. Local McDonald's hosted a spring Sip-of-Love where all the proceeds from every small blueberry pomegranate smoothie sold from May 20 through May 22 benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa. This event replaced the past Day of Love and helped raised over \$21,000 for the House!



Since the spring Sip-of-Love was such a success, the local McDonald's hosted a fall Sip-of-Love where all the proceeds from every small pumpkin spiced latte sold would benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa. The fall Sip-of-Love ran from September 23, 2013 through September 25, 2013. The house is awaiting final numbers.



Life | Health | Retirement | Long-Term Care



Insphere Insurance Solutions® in Tulsa hosted their Third Annual Poker/Golf Classic on April 21st and 22nd benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Tulsa. The event was held at The Golf Club of Oklahoma and raised \$2,718.85 for the House.

We are so honored to have the support of our local Insphere branch office and appreciate their steadfast dedication to the House.

Please Save the Date!

The 2014 Golf Tournament will be on Monday, May 19th at Cedar Ridge Country Club (10302 S. Garnett Rd, Broken Arrow, OK 74011) and will be hosted by Tulsa Sports Charities (www.tulasportscharities.org).



Kolton's Story

Not even two months old and Kolton Carter has already had procedures and an operation that most hope to never have in their lifetime.



Four months into the pregnancy, Jenny and Justin Carter from Ratliff City, Oklahoma received the news that their newborn would have heart complications. Shortly after his birth on July 11, 2013, Jenny and Justin were notified that their newborn son, Kolton has a very rare condition that involves three different complex congenital heart diseases.

After spending 13 days in the NICU at Saint Francis, Jenny and Justin were able to take Kolton home where he spent the next two weeks between general doctor visits and cardiovascular doctor visits planning out his future visits, surgeries and how to overcome the challenge ahead of them. After Kolton's balloon angioplasty in Oklahoma City on August 19th, he was air flighted to Saint Francis in Tulsa. On August 27, 2013, Kolton went in for open heart surgery for a shunt placement and has been in the PICU at Saint Francis ever since. A couple days after surgery, when the nurses tried to take Kolton off the ventilator, he went into cardiac arrest for over twenty-five minutes. As of mid-September and after four attempts, Kolton has still not been able to be taken off the ventilator. The nurses like to refer to him as one tough guy!

Three weeks after Kolton's open heart surgery, Jenny was finally able to hold Kolton again. While it took over three weeks to be able to hold him, Kolton was never truly alone as Dr. Barth along with the other many doctors and nurses in the NICU and PICU continually looked in on him to see how he was doing, and his mother, Jenny, would hardly leave his side. During Kolton's stay at Saint Francis, Jenny stayed at our House and would come to the RMH to shower, grab a small bite to eat, or possibly take a quick nap. On the weekends, Kolton's father, Justin Carter, and his big sister, Jaylee (3 years old) along with grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins would visit with him.

On September 20th, the Carter's received the news that there was nothing else Saint Francis could do for them to get Kolton off the ventilator as Kolton's heart is more complex than the doctors had realized. The doctor's at Saint Francis sent the Carter's to St. Louis to visit the cardiovascular surgical specialist team at the St. Louis Children's Hospital to see if they can surgically repair Kolton's heart or if he can be put on the heart transplant list.

On September 22nd, Kolton was placed on the heart transplant list, spot 1A. On October 9th, Kolton received a new heart. His grandmother notified the House of the transplant and said Kolton is doing great! The House is waiting to hear when Kolton will be able to go home.

Many family members, friends and prayer warriors are continually sending positive thoughts and prayers for Kolton and the Carter family.

Jenny partook in the 2013 Run for the House that was held on August 31, 2013, at LaFortune Park. Even though she stated she hasn't been able to run in a while, she was happy to participate in the run and give back to the House that has been such a blessing to her.



Jenny Carter with Executive Director,
Jean Ann Hawkins at the 2013 Run for the House



Big sister looking over baby brother



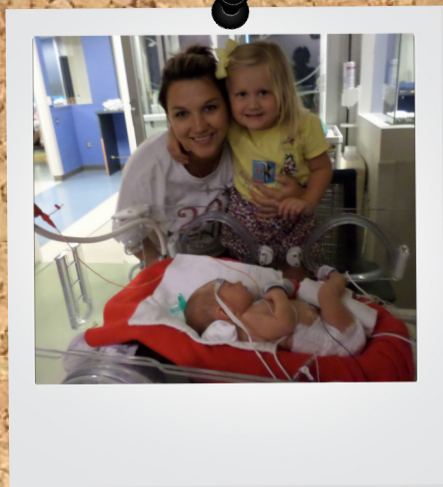
Father and Son



Kolton's First Flight



Jenny holding Kolton



Proud Grandparents



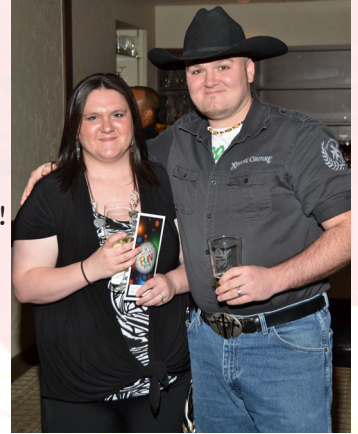
2013 McDazzle



Above: Ronald with Emcee Terry Hood

Congratulation to the McDazzle Fun Ball 2013 committee for organizing a SOLD OUT event! Patrons and supporters turned out in forces on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Southern Hills Country Club for the 24th annual gala to show their support for the House. While guests dressed to impress they didn't forget the FUN accessories to help with the theme of the evening, FUN!

The cocktail hour at the McDazzle Fun Ball allowed guests to bid on silent auction items, get their picture taken with Ronald and donating \$25 per ticket for their chance to win the spectacular Stock the Bar raffle. With a value over \$1,000, the Stock the Bar raffle included over twenty different nice liquors and wines for anyone to stock their personal bar. The raffle helped bring in \$4,300 for the House!



Above: Melissa & Quintin Blevins, Guests from the House and featured in the Share-A-Night video



Above: Chair Ron Bussert with Executive Director Jean Ann Hankins.

Right: Donald & Carrie Wilson, Kerry & Kimberly Joyce and Jaclyn & Michael Presnal.

Below: Dave & Jan Snyder, Jerry & Johnna Himes, Ronald, Connie Lumeyer, Adrian Bart, Tamara Coleman and Sandy Hienz

A gourmet dinner with entertainment by Poi Glow was followed by Terry Hood, News on 6, who was the Emcee for the night. The live auction was a huge success with the help of our auctioneer Jay Litchfield and his team. The live auction highlights included dinner with Coach Barry Switzer, Trip to the Masters and a Catered Party for 50. It's no wonder the event was a success!



The McDazzle Fun Ball guests rallied around the opportunity to directly help guest families by participating in the Share-A-Night program. Families that stay at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa are asked to pay a nominal \$10 nightly, but no one is ever turned away for inability to pay. The financial strain placed upon families with seriously ill children can greatly limit their ability to meet all financial obligations and to ease this burden, a total of 3,987 nights were sponsored by those who wished to Share-A-Night at the McDazzle Fun Ball.



Above: Chairs Ellen and Ron Bussert with Ronald

Fun Ball



Above: Patron Chair Steven Turnbo and Chair Ron Bussert



Left: Junior League of Tulsa McDazzle Fun Ball Decorations committee members with Ronald.

Raising over \$118,000 for the House, the 2013 McDazzle Fun Ball was a huge success. Every person in attendance walked away with a smile on their face, having had a FUN time while helping to fund the House.

Below: Daimon and Jennifer Jacobs, Acquisitions Chair



McDazzle Fun Ball Committee

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Ron and Ellen Bussert

PATRON CHAIR

Steve Turnbo

CREATIVE DESIGN

Talmadge Powell Creative



Above: Kirk & Nancy Turner and Lucia & John O'Connor

Right: Larry Lipe

Below: Amy Quimby, Stephanie Stallsmith and Jana & Craig Grotts



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Be sure to save the date for the 25th McDazzle which will be on **Friday, September 26, 2014** at the **Tulsa Convention Center.** You will not want to miss it!

Right: Rusty Milroy with Ronald



Thank you to our 2013 McDazzle Fun Ball Patrons!

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wish list

Just like your home, our House needs a number of everyday items to keep it running. The Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa has an ongoing need for the following items. To help maintain clinical integrity and stringent health codes, please be sure all items are new and in original packaging, and please check your expiration dates and recall lists. This includes stuffed animals, books, magazines, car seats, electronics, clothing, furniture, etc. Please see the wish list below for suggestions of items that the House could use. **New items only.**

Window Glass Cleaner (Windex)	Gift Cards (Wal-mart, Quick Trip)
Lysol All-purpose cleaner	Movie Passes
Dishwasher Soap	Coffee
Laundry Detergent	Salsa
Dryer Sheets	Canned Soup
Febreze	Disposable Razors
Pine-Sol®	Feminine Items
Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Cleaner	Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
Paper Plates	
Disposable Drinking Glasses	Travel Size:
Facial Tissue	Deodorant
Trash Bags (10, 13, 39 Gal.)	Bath soap
Towels (bath and hand)	Shaving cream
Mattress Pads (twin and queen)	Shampoo/Conditioner
Standard Size Pillows	



The 2013 Southern Living Christmas Cookbook is available for just \$10 at Dillard's Stores to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Since 1994, Dillard's has supported Ronald McDonald House Charities. To date, Dillard's has donated over \$10.4 million to the Ronald McDonald House.

Your purchase of this cookbook benefits the local Ronald McDonald House in your own community.

Dress Down for Ronald!

Isn't it great to have a casual dress day at work? Does your company currently sponsor casual dress down days? If so, please consider making this an opportunity to support the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa! It's simple - each person that "dresses down" is encourage to donate a small amount (\$1 to \$5) to the Ronald McDonald House for the privilege to participate!

Contact Mary at the Ronald McDonald House (918-496-2727) for more information.

Pop Tabs

Are you interested in helping the environment? Join our recycling efforts and help the families and kids at the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa. All you have to do is begin collecting the aluminum tabs off the cans (beverages and soup cans) and bring them to the Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa! Many schools, businesses and individuals save tabs for us; every tab counts and directly supports our families!



Contact information incorrect?
Please let us know!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____



DONATIONS = SUPPORT

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa, Inc. could not fulfill its mission without the continued support of community members. Although affiliated with a network of 322 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide, each House is locally owned and operated by an independent, non-profit corporation and is entirely dependent upon donations for its success. We thank the following contributors who have shown their support in so many ways from January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. If we have erred or omitted anyone, we sincerely apologize and ask for your help in correcting our records by calling 918-496-2727 or visiting www.rmhtulsa.org

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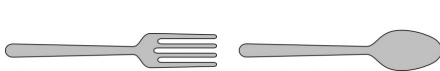
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VOLUNTEER = LOVE



"Volunteers make everything we do possible!"



Looking for a fun and rewarding service project for your work, organization, team or church?



Consider coming to the House and becoming one of our Guest Chefs! It's easy! All you have to do is come to the House and prepare a meal for the residents currently staying at the House.

Families who have been in the hospital or at a doctor's appointment all day look forward to the comfort of a provided meal. Meals may be prepared in our well-equipped kitchen at the House or arranged from a restaurant or deli.

Contact the House for more information on becoming a Guest Chef of the House!

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Why we volunteer



Volunteering at the House helps give me the feeling of giving something back and for knowing you have been blessed with healthy children who were not faced with the health challenges some of these children have. Meeting the residents and their families and being a friendly face helps me to feel like in some small way I am helping them through some difficult times.

-Pat Parker

I volunteer here because my daughter and son-in-law stayed at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House during her pregnancy for over three months. I visited them several times and saw all the help and support that RMH provided. After my grandson was born, I wanted to give back by volunteering at our Tulsa Ronald McDonald House. By volunteering here, it not only gives me the opportunity to provide a friendly face when families arrive at RMH, but also to comfort scared and hurting parents. I love seeing the look on the parents' faces when they tell me they are getting to take their baby home. And every once in a while, I get to see their baby!!

- Sue McKeefery



Volunteering here means I am able to help families of children in their deepest time of need. I know what these families are feeling and facing as my youngest son was in the NICU for three weeks. It warms my heart when a family is able to take their little one home. I remember that day so vividly and I know these families we are able to help will remember that day as well. Ronald McDonald House is a true blessing. I see it in the family's faces as they go back and forth to the hospitals.

I love talking to the families and hearing their stories. Everyone has a story. One of my favorite quotes is, "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always." Volunteering at the house I am able to hear some of the battles and trying to make their day a little brighter which makes my day a lot brighter! It is a pure joy to be able to volunteer here.

- Celia Moore

I have been volunteering at the House for the past thirteen years and on every Friday afternoon, I know I am doing something worthwhile to help others in need in some way. It may only be a simple "hello," "have a good afternoon," asking "how is your little one doing today?" (as a mother I know it doesn't matter the age of the child to a mother or father because that child will always be their little one), or saying "we are here for you if you need anything." It means providing care and concern to the families of hospitalized children.



The thing I love most about the House is the many services it provides for the hundreds of families in distress who are staying here because they have a child in the hospital. By volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House I am able to help provide some of these much needed services. I am one very blessed person because I am fortunate to be one of the volunteers at the House.

- Brenda Martin



No matter what your feelings are, when you go to the RMH to serve your volunteer time, you are the winner. People are so grateful to have such a wonderful place to step out of their situation for a brief time. They are vocal about what it means to them to have such a good place to come during their particular circumstance. I consider it a sincere privilege to be a Ronald McDonald House Volunteer.

- Barbara Crider



We should all try to help our fellow man as much as possible in some fashion. It is amazing to see all the people who help the Ronald McDonald House by giving to others that need help even though they may never see the people again.

- Jerry Bowers



A Father's Heartfelt Message to You...



Hello,

My name is Jason Schafer and I am married to Jennifer Schafer, a member of the RMHC of Tulsa McDazzle Fun Ball Committee. We currently live in Bixby, Oklahoma and we have 3 wonderful children. Our third child is 14 months old and was born with a severe, and rare, congenital heart defect. Like most families, we never imagined that our life would involve a child that needs special medical attention. A few months ago, we were informed that our daughter's heart procedure would require us to go out of state. It's wonderful to know that we have hospitals throughout the country that have their own specialties, allowing hope for many families. The Ronald McDonald House (RMH) has a huge impact on that hope that family members seek when traveling out of town for their child's medical needs.



As soon as we were informed of the date for my daughter's procedure, we immediately called the RMH and put our names on the waiting list. One week after arriving in California, a room at the RMH was offered to us. The RMH Provided us with a place to sleep, a place to shower, a place to eat, and a place to wash clothes. These were things that we had expected prior to arriving at RMH.

What we didn't expect was all the support that came along with it. Many volunteers played a role in the comfort of the individuals in the house. There were several dinners provided, haircuts, birthday gifts, arts and crafts, and many more. We also noticed how the house truly became a home. After eating in the dining room with the other families, you had the opportunity to hear their stories and could relate with them the feelings that everyone was going through. We were not just a family staying in a house; we became part of a larger family that most people would never understand.

The atmosphere in the RMH was always a positive one, which helps when you feel trapped at the hospital. This wasn't just from the families, but from the staff as well. Being able to go to the RMH gave us the opportunity to clear our minds and relax. By doing that, it prepared us mentally and physically for each day at the hospital. The RMH has relieved us of the biggest financial hurdle for surviving out of town with a sick child. Without it, I am not sure what we would have done.

Even though we are all home now, we became attached to the RMH and the families there. We met families that have been there for several months and are far from going home. The fact that our daughter has a chance at life would not have been possible if it wasn't for the organizations and individuals that help support the cause for the Ronald McDonald House.

If you can, please consider donating to the Ronald McDonald House.

Sincerely, Jason Schafer



YES! I would like to Share-A-Night!

Please check one of the following donation levels:

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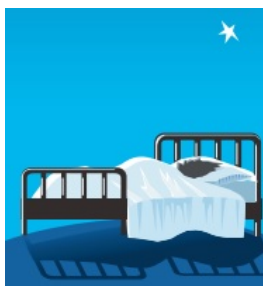
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Share-A-Night Donation

Parents staying at the House have many worries, not only about their child's health, but also about the financial responsibilities associated with a serious illness. You can make a difference by participating in our Share-A-Night program by sponsoring a room for a night, a week, a month or even a year.

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Sick children need their parents, parents need support so they can help their child fight. Help the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa provide strength in numbers.

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Our goal is to continue to provide families in need of supportive housing with comfortable, accessible, affordable bedrooms and all the comforts of home – plus a local support network – so they can fully focus on the healing of their child(ren). Without our House, these families would usually sleep in the hospital lobby, a child's hospital room or even in their cars, as most families cannot afford a hotel for weeks or months – especially under the financial stress of mounting medical bills.

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Responsibilities of a Ronald McDonald House Volunteer range from assisting families that are staying at our House to preparing meals for the House or helping prepare for special events and fundraisers. Please be aware that volunteering at the House can be challenging at times, but also very rewarding.



We love our
Volunteers!

If you are interested in becoming a Ronald McDonald House Volunteer, please contact us either by calling 918-496-2727 or looking on our website (www.rmhtulsa.org) for the volunteer application form. We welcome new volunteers and hope to hear from you.

