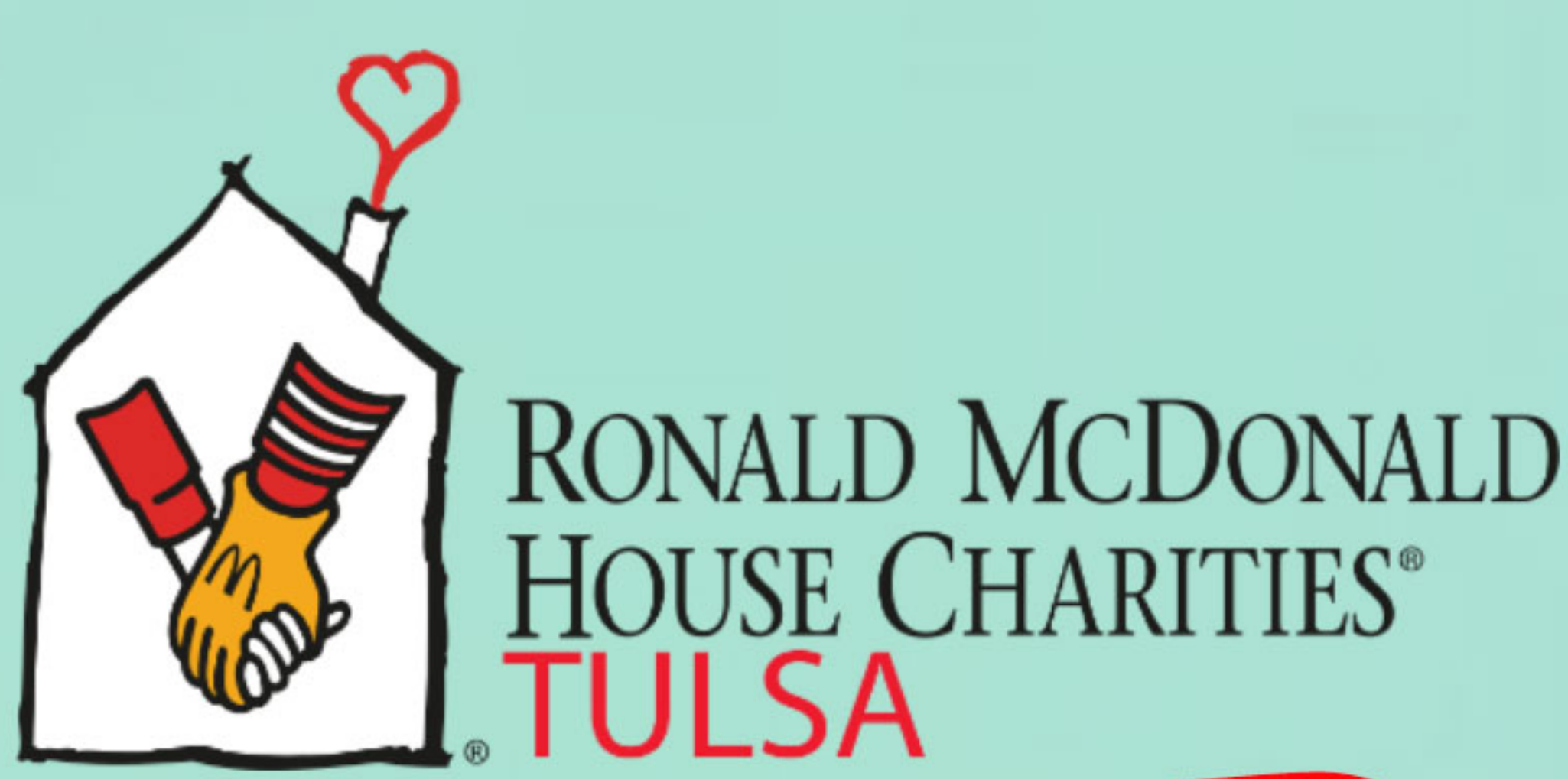




OUR HOUSE

Summer 2014

ONE FAMILY'S JOURNEY

Koshimi was born in 2007. His mother said it was a perfect pregnancy and delivery. He always had a super-charged energy that his mother loved, even if it drove her a little crazy. In 2013, Koshimi started preschool, and was having a lot of problems with his energy level and not being able to concentrate. He was diagnosed with ADHD the following summer, and was put on a great medication regimen.

That summer, his lymph nodes began to swell. Initially, the family doctor believed the swelling was due to a tick bite and would eventually fade. The swelling, however, gradually became worse, and spread to the left side of his neck. His grandmother started to worry, as she had lost a daughter to leukemia, and knew this was an early symptom.

One day, Koshimi's mother received a call from the school, telling her that Koshimi had a rock stuck in his ear. At the doctor, she asked for some lab work to be run, just to be safe and rule out some causes of his swelling. This first test came back abnormal, and Koshimi was sent to see a blood specialist.

The second test confirmed all of their fears; the diagnosis was cancer - acute lymphoblastic leukemia. This began the battle Koshimi still fights. He has dealt with many complications, including medical reactions, pneumonia, a rare episode of Chorea and many others.

Every day he still smiles. Even on his bad days, he still tries to fight and be a little bit silly. His mother calls him the love of her life and her hero. Whenever she starts to think life is hard, she stops and thinks about his little body and innocent heart fighting the battle for his life. All she can do, she says, is praise God for strength, hope, love and faith.

Koshimi, his mother and grandmother call the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa home when he is receiving treatment in Tulsa. You can follow Koshi's story on Facebook by liking his page: Prayers for Koshimi.



OUR FAMILY STORIES ARE YOUR STORIES

Koshimi's story is your story too. Your kindness makes it possible to provide a "home-away-from-home" for many families like Koshimi's. Your support gives them comfort, care and a supportive community when their world starts to unravel. From the roof over their head, the warm meals they share, to the pillows they sleep on at RMHC of Tulsa, you make this happen. Your gifts give our families faith, hope and most importantly, an opportunity to stay together to help their children heal.

Although each family story is different, they all include the warmth and nurturing that happens at the Ronald McDonald House. Your continued generosity helps RMHC of Tulsa support children and their families at their moment of greatest need. It's at these moments, when a family can be together and by their child's side, that your donation truly makes a difference. To make a secure, online donation, please visit: www.rmhtulsa.org

Because of you, in 2013:

563

families stayed at the
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa

4,745

room nights were
provided to families

407

in-kind donations
were received

WHERE DO OUR FAMILIES COME FROM?

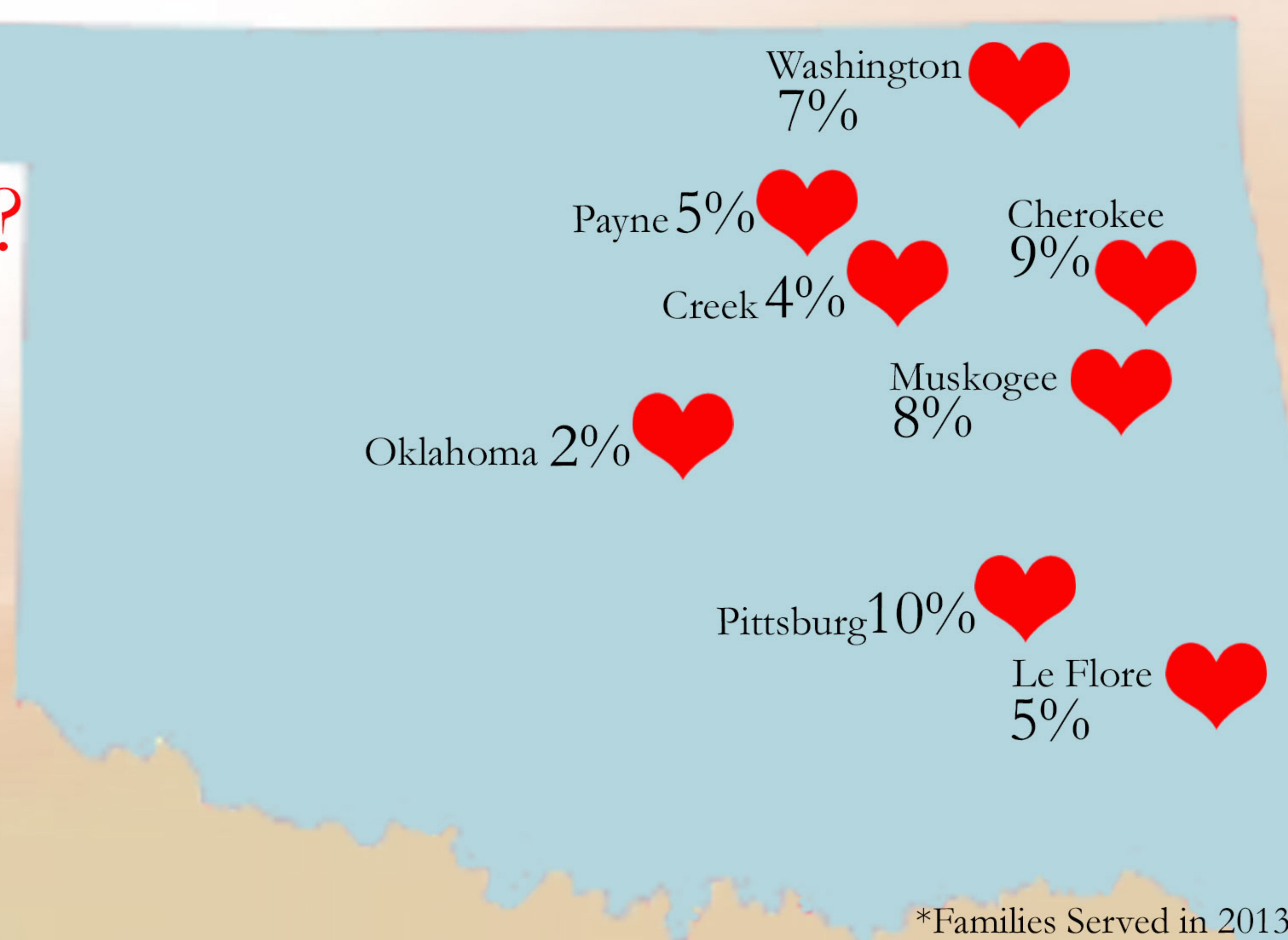
We help families all across Oklahoma and the United States. Families are asked to contribute \$10 per night towards their stay although our actual costs are \$80 per night. Often times, many families cannot afford to contribute anything. No family is ever turned away due to their inability to donate - thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.

37%

Families served from
other Oklahoma Counties

13%

Families served from 12
other States



*Families Served in 2013



*A message from
Jean Ann Hankins,
Our Executive Director*

It's hard to believe that the McDazzle Fun Ball has been around for 25 years! McDazzle started two years before the House opened in 1991 and has raised almost \$3 million in support of this wonderful mission. My sincere thanks to the many Volunteers, Staff, Board Members and Donors that have committed their support over the many years. Without your dedication, it would not be possible to serve over 500 families each year who travel to Tulsa seeking medical treatment for their child.

“Strength in Numbers...it starts with us”

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.

Damien Carnes - Pawhuska, OK
Emily Cox - Muskogee, OK
Kensleigh Craker -Checotah, OK
Mika Hughes - Drumright, OK

Ryan Keyion - Panama, OK
Maxey Triplets - Avant, OK
Curtis Norman - Muskogee, OK
Kashleigh Sheets - Kellyville, OK

Thank you,
McDonald's, for your
unwavering Support!

Our local McDonald's restaurants raise money for RMHC of Tulsa throughout the year. In addition to supporting the McDazzle Fun Ball and the Fore the House Celebrity Golf Tournament, they also support our families through the:

DAY OF CHANGE - A national campaign held by McDonald's, where diners are asked to donate their loose change into the donation boxes.

DONATION BOXES - Throughout the year, diners can donate their change to RMHC by depositing it in donation boxes located within the restaurants and at the drive-thru windows.

GIVE A HAND CAMPAIGN - McDonald's annual fundraiser held within the restaurants gives diners an opportunity to donate to RMHC of Tulsa.

McHAPPY MEAL CAMPAIGN – Our Ronald McDonald House receives one penny from every Happy Meal sold.

Getting Involved, Making A Difference

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa has been especially busy and fully occupied several times so far this year. Families need our help more than ever and together, we can support more children throughout their recovery by giving their families a comfortable place to stay during a difficult time. We can't provide a "home-away-from-home" without you. Here is how you can get involved.

Guest Chefs - Providing a meal for families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House takes away the worry about preparing lunch or dinner after a long day at the hospital. A warm meal makes a big difference to ease the burden on our families.

In-House Volunteers - We need individuals to donate their time volunteering at the House. Volunteer tasks include helping staff with tasks around the House and answering phones, as well as greeting families and visitors who come to the House.

Adopt A Room - 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 expenses.

Provide A Room Make-Over - An alternative to the Adopt A Room plan, where instead of donation of funds to operate the room, you would spruce up the room with newer items. With the room receiving newer items, it helps the atmosphere of the room feel a little more like home and a relaxing retreat from the hospital.

Share A Night - 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. 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.

For more information on how to get involved with the House, please call 918-496-2727 or visit www.rmhtulsa.org

Calling all runners!

The Hal Smith Restaurant Group along with the Mabee Center at ORU and Channel 6 are hosting the 2014 Run for the House!

The run will be on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Event starts at 7:30 A.M.

Run will be held at
the Mabee Center at ORU
7777 S. Lewis Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74171

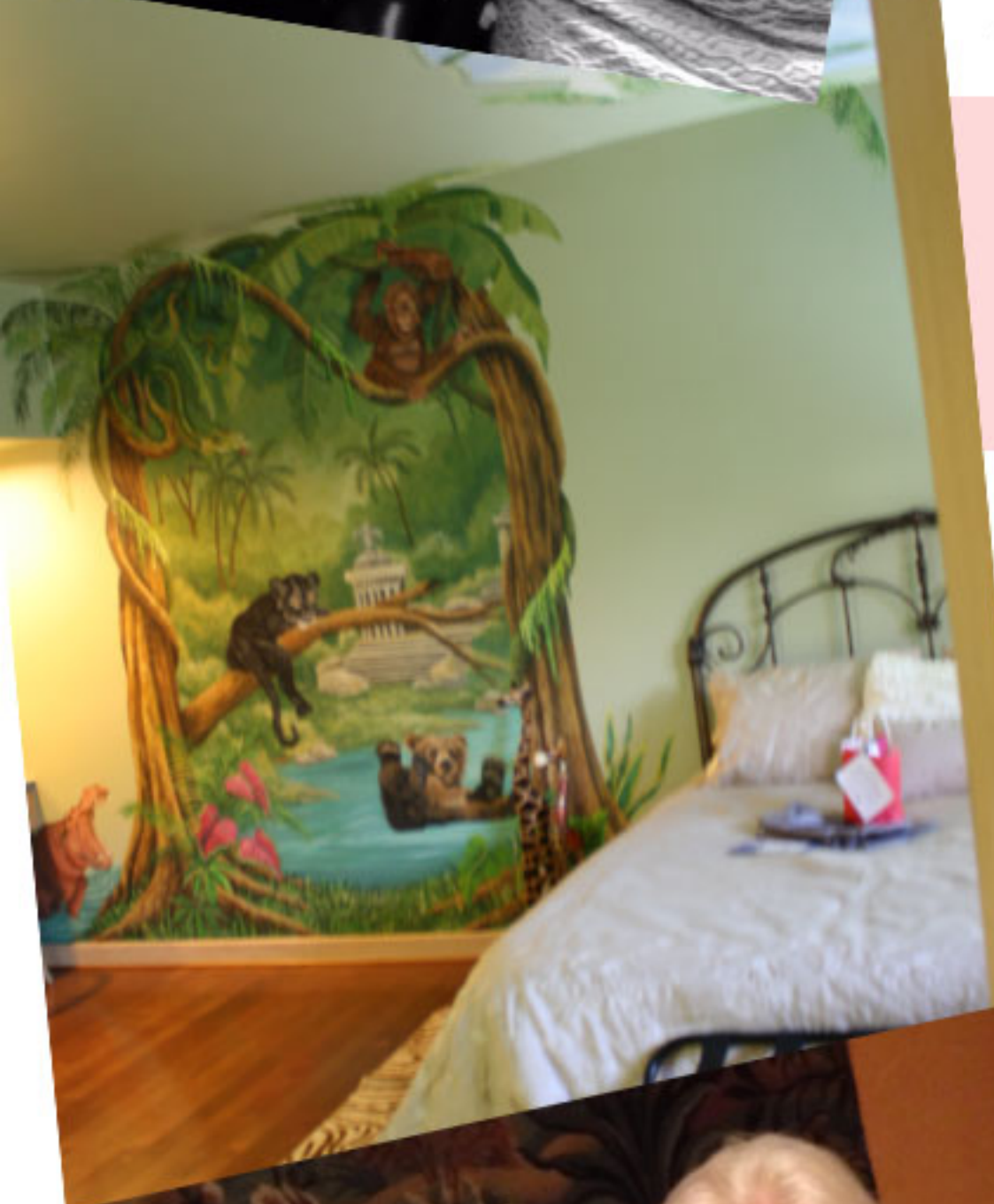
To register, please visit www.tatur.org



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!





The franchisees of McDonald's of Northeast Oklahoma are supporting Ronald McDonald House of Tulsa through a new program. A portion of proceeds from French Fry sales of 80 McDonald's is going back to the House. In the first quarter of the program more than \$18,000 was contributed. A check was recently presented to Jean Ann by local franchisees Micheal Gentry and Luz Lopez-Gentry.



This is a BIG year for the Ronald McDonald House! We are celebrating 25 years with people like YOU who generously help to sustain this endearing cause for our children and families in need. Join us on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma for this year's signature fundraising event, the silver anniversary of the McDazzle Fun Ball!

We are excited to have Justin Moore, ACM New Artist of the Year, as our entertainer! After enjoying a gourmet dinner prepared by Chef Devin Levine, Justin will serenade us with an acoustical show. The bidding will be fierce for the outstanding Live Auction items and the all-important Share-A-Night which pays for a night of lodging for our families who have no ability to pay.



We are not the only one celebrating a major milestone. The Ford Mustang automobile is turning 50 years old and thanks to our friends at Bill Knight Ford, we will be raffling a 50th Anniversary Ford Mustang GT 5.0.

This limited edition is an all new design and only one of 1,964 automobiles manufactured. You won't want to miss this as Justin Moore pulls the lucky ticket! You do not have to be present to win the Mustang

RMHC is the common thread that holds it all together when times are tough. We have so much to celebrate and we want you to be a part of the celebration! Contact the House to buy a ticket to McDazzle or for a chance in the raffle or visit: www.rmhtulsa.org.

To see pictures from the McDazzle Fun Ball 2013 and this years McDazzle Fun Ball, please visit: <https://mcdazzlefunball.shutterfly.com/>



Love Letters - from our families

The Tulsa Ronald McDonald House was a miracle for our family and we are grateful beyond words!
- family from Tushka, OK

Thank you for being there for our family. It's nice to have a place to go during a hard time that feels like home.

— family from Broken Bow, OK

Thank you very much for all the help. It was nice to have one less thing to worry about.

— Family from Grove, OK



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

Wonderful place to stay! Such a relief to have a home-away-from-home during such a hard time. Thank you for everything.

— Family from Bartlesville, OK

I cannot express my gratitude for this place. I don't know what we would have done without the Ronald McDonald House. This place is such a blessing. Bless you all for your kindness! — family from Hugo, OK

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all you did while we were in Tulsa. It was difficult being away from home for so long, but having your facility available made it possible for the family to stay together. When our stay was extended, it was nice having a comfortable, safe and welcoming place to call home. We were able to relax, recharge and prepare for the journey ahead. You have our sincere gratitude as we really appreciate everything you did for our family.
— Family from Maize, KS



With the help of Board Member Randy Allison, The Tulsa Sports Charities and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa partnered to produce one of Tulsa's elite golf events featuring Heisman Trophy winners, National Football League players, collegiate coaches and former standout players. On Sunday, May 18, the big guys with even bigger hearts autographed over 300 footballs, visited patients at the Saint Francis Children's Hospital and enjoyed the legendary reunion. The "FORE the House Celebrity Golf Classic" took place on Monday, May 19, 2014, at Cedar Ridge Country Club. The field of 250 golfers enjoyed teaming up with more than 50 football celebrities to raise almost \$65,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tulsa. Save the date for the 2015 "FORE the House Celebrity Golf Classic" which will be on Monday, May 18th at Cedar Ridge Country Club. For more information, visit: www.rmhtulsa.org

Participating Celebrities

Heisman Trophy Winners and Members of the College Football Hall of Fame -
Billy Sims (OU), George Rogers (SC), Mike Garrett (USC), Mike Rozier (NU).

Heisman Trophy Winner - Jason White (OU)

Members of the College Football Hall of Fame -

Don Trull (Baylor), Tommie Frazier (NU), Barry Switzer (OU), Greg Pruitt (OU), Joe Washington (OU), Clendon Thomas (OU).

Participating Former Standout Players & Football Administration VIPs Representing:

Oklahoma State University - Pat Jones, Mark Moore, Melvin Gilliam, Mike Hudson, Rusty Hilger, Johnny Barr, Mike Gross, Ken Zachery, Ronnie Williams, Bobby Riley, Nate Patterson.

University of Oklahoma - Bob Burris, Bobby Warmack, Mike Harper, Galen Hall, George Cumby, Greg Roberts, Lynn Blevins, Jack Ging, Scott Hill, Marcus Dupree, Thomas Lott, Kenny King, Merv Johnson, Charley North, John Phillips, Grant Burget, Jakie Sandefer, Terry Jones. Reggie Kinlaw, James Allen, Blake Ferguson, Jay Smith, Bob Shirley, Jackson Todd and Mark Redman.

University of Tulsa - Bill Blankenship, Paul Smith, Jerry Ostroski, Steve August, Jason Staurovsky, Nick Bunting.

University of Nebraska - Guy Rozier, Doug Dubose.

University of Kansas - Ted Owens

Oral Roberts University - Scott Sutton, Kyan Brown, Sean Dolan



Make our
wish list
come true

Keeping families comfortable:

- Deodorant – travel size
- Bath soap, bars – travel size
- Shaving Cream – travel size
- Shampoo/Conditioner – travel size
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrushes – individually packaged
- Feminine Items
- Gift Cards: Quick Trip, Walmart, Visa, etc.
- Movie passes
- Xbox 360 games (we have an xbox 360)

Keeping the House tidy:

- Window Glass Cleaner (Windex)
- Lysol All-purpose Cleaner
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Hand Soap
- Swiffer Duster Refill

Stocking the House:

- Mattress Pads (twin & queen)
- Towels (bath and hand - preferably white)
- Standard size pillows
- Washcloths (preferably white)
- Paper Plates
- Facial Tissue (Like Kleenex)
- Trash Bags (10, 13, 39 Gal.)
- Plain White Copy Paper
- "Forever" Postage Stamps
- Sugar – individual packets
- Artificial Sweetener – individual packets
- Coffee Creamer – individual packets
- Individual juice/fruit drinks
- Individual chips/snacks
- Microwave Popcorn
- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Breakfast Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Fresh Fruit

Or visit our gift registry
at Bed, Bath and Beyond.



Visit the House!

We are so glad you stay connected through our newsletters. If you haven't been to the House lately and want to see firsthand how your generosity is making a difference, we would love to give you and your friends a tour of the RMHC of Tulsa. If you're interested in getting involved, taking a tour is a great way to start. Contact Mary Gregory at mgregory@rmhtulsa.org or the House at 918-496-2727.



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