

BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE BEST MEDICINE IS LOVE

Sick children cope better and heal faster when their families are by their side. But when medical care isn't close to home, sometimes it's challenging for loved ones to be where they're needed most.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® provides families with a home-away-from-home while their children are receiving medical care. And we support these families in every way possible so they can focus on the most important thing of all - their children's health.

We can't make the medicine taste better or make the pain go away, but we can reduce the burden on a family, helping everyone to heal a little faster.

HOUSE AMENITIES & SERVICES:

- A fully stocked kitchen and pantry
- Home-cooked meals provided by volunteers
- Transportation to and from medical facilities
- Linens, towels, and toiletries
- Wireless Internet and telephones in each guest room
- Free, on-site laundry
- Indoor and outdoor play areas
- 24 hour exterior video surveillance
- Weekly activity hour and passes to local attractions

EVERYONE CAN HELP

Impacting the lives of children changes families and, in turn, we believe families have a positive impact on communities. Ronald McDonald House Charities believes that helping children as they heal is one way we can help better the world in which we live.

But we can't do it alone. We rely on our strong relationships with the medical community to provide access to health care. We rely on strategic partnerships with other organizations to extend our reach. We rely on our donors, volunteers, staff and friends to support our mission.

EVERY LITTLE BIT OF HELP COUNTS

- **DONATE MONEY** – a mere \$15 will cover the cost of the suggested room donation for a family's one night stay.
- **COLLECT POP TOPS**, wish list items and even spare change.
- **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME** by preparing a meal for families staying at the House, helping us with a special project, creating your own activity for families, or in other ways.
- **HOLD A FUNDRAISER**

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Just Because She's Sick Doesn't Mean She Has To Be Homesick



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IT'S MORE THAN A HOUSE

When a child is sick, it takes every ounce of energy a family has. Moms and dads, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles shouldn't have to worry about where they will sleep, what they will eat or how they will do laundry.

Built upon that simple notion, the Ronald McDonald House® of Richmond hosts up to nine families a night, providing them with everything they need, including a private bedroom, hot showers, meals from a newly renovated kitchen, transportation, laundry facilities, and even a playroom. Most importantly, we provide families who are living through a very difficult time in their lives with a support system they can lean on.

For families of the most critical patients, the Richmond chapter of Ronald McDonald House Charities also supports three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms® at Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU and two rooms at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital. These rooms are just steps away from the pediatric or intensive care units where children are being treated.

Since 1980, the Ronald McDonald House of Richmond has given families – from as close as Chesterfield and as far away as Grenada – a place to rest their heads and recharge their batteries as well as find encouragement and strength. In return, all that is required is a medical referral and a donation of \$15 per day. However, a family will never be turned away if they cannot afford a donation.



REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

In addition to the support we provide the families of sick children, Ronald McDonald House Charities also supports other Greater Richmond-area non-profit organizations that are making an immediate and positive impact on children. Education is a high priority for us as well. Through Ronald McDonald House Charities® Scholars, our chapter awards 15 college scholarships to students from the Greater Richmond area each year.



AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE HERE TO HELP.