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ABOUT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Since 1984, the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee has opened its doors and its heart to more than 32,000 families facing the most stressful time of their lives. While seriously ill children receive medical care, our 38-bedroom House provides a temporary home-away-from home just across the street from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

We serve more than 1,400 families each year and offer many programs and services including home-cooked meals, laundry facilities, art and dog therapy programs, a chapel, play areas and a beautiful Secret Garden.

The Ronald McDonald House offers all the comforts of home. Virtually every night, volunteers provide home-cooked meals for our families. Our guests are embraced by a supportive community of staff, over 500 volunteers, and other families sharing a similar experience.

In addition to the stress of a sick child, families often face insurmountable financial obstacles due to the high cost of treatment. Although many try to contribute what they can – even if it's just the suggested donation of \$10 per night – it's not always easy in light of rising medical bills. In reality, our cost for a family to stay just one night is more than \$100. No one, however, is turned away based on inability to pay.

The Ronald McDonald House is a place to rest, to restore inner strength and renew the spirit. To share joy and sorrow, courage and strength. It's the House built with love and filled with hope.

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“Can you imagine how much a hotel and meals would have cost? I don't know how we could make it without the Ronald McDonald House. It is a lifeline. But more importantly, the love, kindness and sanity the House provides me is a priceless gift.”

~A mom who has stayed at the House more than 500 nights.