



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE  
CHARITIES OF ANN ARBOR

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**REPORT**



# *Our* **MISSION**

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor is to provide a “home away from home” for families of children experiencing a serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization.



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President, Board of Directors



**Kim Kelly**  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on our accomplishments of 2017, we are grateful to you, our donors and supporters, for the difference you allow us to make for the families we serve. Because of you, we were able to provide a home for families who are far away from the comforts of their own home and support of family and friends. Because of you, these families didn't have to worry about paying for a hotel or meals; they have a "home away from home" close to their critically ill child.

A grandmother who is staying at the Main House recently stopped to say thank you. In her words:

"My grandson has been here since August. We live way up north, and I couldn't be here with my daughter and grandson if it weren't for the Ronald McDonald House. My daughter needs to be close to her son, and she needs me to be close for her. I can't tell you how grateful I am that I can be here for her."

Last year alone, we served more than 1,000 families. Thanks to you, we will continue to serve more families and their children in the coming year. Thank you for allowing us to provide a home away from home for all the moms, dads, siblings and grandparents who need to be close to their ill child. Because of you, those children and their families can be together.

We look forward to partnering with you in 2018!

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### MOTT HOUSE

#### House Managers

- Heidi Kozlowski
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### Building Services

- Brian Barnes
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Dave and Kandy Huyck feel that they have been blessed, and as a result, feel it is important to give back. They both grew up in the Upper Peninsula, in a community where neighbors worked together and helped each other when needed. One of the challenges of their community was the distance from critical and extended medical care, and they both recall how difficult it was for families when someone had to be treated far from home.

They experienced that first hand when Kandy's brother had to be hospitalized for a transplant. He stayed in Michigan Medicine's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital because of the need for isolation, and Dave and Kandy spent many days by his side, watching parents with critically ill children do the same.



One evening, they were watching a movie about a young girl with a critical illness, and together, decided that they wanted to support an organization that worked with children and their families. They researched different organizations, and in Dave's words:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor "jumped out at them."

They had seen how difficult it was for families who were far from home, sleeping in their child's hospital room and they wanted to make a difference for those families.

Through the support of donors like Dave and Kandy, and donors like you, we can make a difference to more than 1,000 families a year who are far from home. Because of your support, families are secure knowing they have a place for meals, a place to sleep and a place for siblings to play.

Thank you for the difference you make every day to so many.

Like most of our families, the Draper family has had a long stay at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor (RMCHAA) while their baby daughter, Rose, is at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Rose was born with a rare genetic condition that affects several of her organs, and the prognosis after her birth was not good. The Drapers sought opinions from several medical facilities, before coming to C.S. Mott where Doctors said the treatment would be long and difficult, but gave them hope.



The family came to RMCHAA Main House in October. Nikki, the mother, and five-year-old sister Leila, stay at the House to be close to Rose, while Dad, Modreci, holds down the family business in Detroit. Nikki and Leila spend a lot of time at the hospital, but Mom tries to bring structure and normalcy to Leila's day.

"Leila can come back here and play in the tub, play in the playroom, take a nap in a bed, instead of the hospital room... having home cooked, healthy meals and snacks, all this makes such a difference. Because of the House, our family was able to be together during the holidays. People just don't realize how their donations make a difference; Ronald McDonald House provides so much that we don't have to worry about."

The Drapers look forward to taking Rose home soon, and when they get settled, to coming back to volunteer at the House and C.S. Mott Hospital.

Please know that the gifts you make allow us to continue to support families like the Drapers.

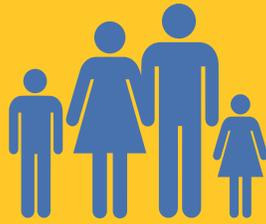
Thank you!

# Our IMPACT

## 2017 Facts & Figures



# 1,023 FAMILIES



STAYED AT OUR HOUSES IN 2017  
(Our Houses Are Almost Always Full)



LONGEST STAY  
**340**  
NIGHTS

## TOP 5 DIAGNOSIS

1. Cardiology
2. Neonatal
3. Pediatric Intensive Care
4. Hematology/Oncology
5. Child and Adolescent Psychology

# 3,614

INDIVIDUAL  
VOLUNTEER HOURS



# 280 DINNERS SERVED

280 x 4 (hour increments) x 8 (average  
volunteers per dinner)

# 8,960 HOURS

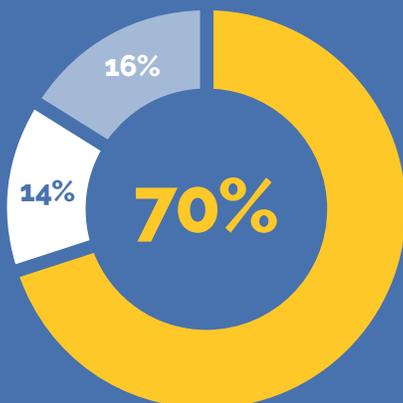
# 252 GROUP VOLUNTEER HOURS

# 39 HOURS

(OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES)

# 12,865

TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE



## PUTTING YOUR DONATIONS TO GOOD USE

We spent \$835,096 of our total budget directly into programs that help families in need. We thank you for your commitment through volunteering, donating, and sponsorship.\*

- Programs and Services
- Fundraising
- Administrative

*\*Numbers based on most recent audit.*

# Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

## and Other Ways You Can Help



### Dinner Groups

Many families staying at our house do not have the time or energy to prepare a full meal during this critical time, so home cooked meals are greatly appreciated. Meal preparation includes planning the menu, shopping for food, preparing and serving the meal at the House, and then cleaning our kitchen.

**For more information, please contact Stacey Laho at [slaho@rmhcannarbor.org](mailto:slaho@rmhcannarbor.org).**

### Pop Tabs

Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach others about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising money to help children and their families at the same time.

We take the tabs to a local recycling company and we receive money for each pound of tabs collected. It takes approximately 1,200 tabs to equal one pound.

**For more information, please visit [www.rmhcannarbor.org](http://www.rmhcannarbor.org).**

### Office Volunteer

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor is an independent, non-profit organization. As such, we rely on the time and efforts of volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities at both the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor and the Ronald McDonald House at Mott. We have shift volunteers during the day and evening. They are assigned a three-hour shift every other week.

**For more information, please contact Stacey Laho at [slaho@rmhcannarbor.org](mailto:slaho@rmhcannarbor.org).**

### Host an Event

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor is honored to be the beneficiary of community events organized by individuals, local organizations, schools, and businesses. The events range from bake sales and car washes to golf tournaments and comedy nights. The funds raised help to provide the necessary services for the families who call either of our Ronald McDonald Houses their home.

**For more information about a third party benefit event, please contact Mary Moffett, [mmoffett@rmhcannarbor.org](mailto:mmoffett@rmhcannarbor.org) or (734) 998-6531.**



Click here to **DONATE NOW**

### Our Wishlist

Your donations will help us make a "home away from home" for families whose children are receiving treatment at area hospitals.

**To view the items on our current Wishlist, please visit [www.rmhcannarbor.org](http://www.rmhcannarbor.org).**

“Thank you for opening up your House for us to stay while my daughter underwent a total of three open heart surgeries in five months of her life. Without your generosity, this would not have been possible for us. RMHCAA is very much appreciated! It’s a Godsend. Thank you, thank you.”

– RMHCAA Family



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One of the easiest ways to get updates about our upcoming special events, unique and fun volunteer opportunities and happenings around the House is on our Facebook page. **Connect with us!**

