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"Keeping Families Close"

This is our Kayleigh. She turned 9 in April; man how time flies. My uterus ruptured during labor so Kayleigh was born by emergency cesarean section. Her oxygen level dropped very low during this time, and the doctor was concerned that she may have some seizures, so she was flown to Ministry



Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital and placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU. I followed the next morning to Marshfield by helicopter because of complications. While we were both in the hospital, my husband David Rae and mother-in-law Alice Rae from Scotland were able to stay at Ronald McDonald House right across the street. I can't thank you enough for giving them a peaceful, home-like place to stay. Sandra is so kind and compassionate.

Thank you! Shelly Rae





Victor was born at 26 weeks, weighing 2lbs 4ozs. He spent just shy of three months in the NICU. RMHC was home to me. Today, he's doing great! Running around, and he's quite the jabber box. Thanks Sandy and the rest of the staff in Marshfield!

It has been 13 years for us, and Sabrina Radtke is living life to the fullest! We spent 13 unforgettable days in Marshfield and will never forget the kindness and compassion we received from RMH.

It has been 7 years since our "twinkies" arrived 6 weeks early. We have always been so thankful for the RMHC in Marshfield. Twinkies are happy, healthy and very active!

Our little Charlotte was born almost 8 weeks early and we spent 3 weeks at RMHC. Knowing I could be at her side within minutes gave me such a piece of mind, and I'll be forever grateful to RMHC for giving me that during such a difficult and joyous time. She's now 2 1/2 and doing great.

Abby was born 7 weeks early and weighed 3 lbs. We spent 3 weeks in the NICU. The RMHC in Marshfield saved us as we live 125 miles away. Thank you everyone for the help and support. It truly was a home away from home. Abby is now a beautiful 5 year old who loves playing and swimming and going to school. All our love to you!

Our son Jayce was born at 29 weeks weighing just 3 pounds. We spent 35 days in the home away from home. Jayce is 8 now and doing great. We were so blessed to have had RMHC a part of our life during our time of need. RMHC staff and families are always in our hearts and prayers. Thank you! Jason Mork

Morgan was born six weeks early and spent 17 days in the NICU. We will be forever grateful to the staff at RMHC. Today, Morgan is a happy, healthy five year old and big sister.

Amelia and Sofia arrived 8 weeks early... we spent roughly a month in the NICU. RMHC was a blessing and life saver. Without them it would have been sooo.... much worse than it was. Being over three hours from home they made us feel so welcome and took care of all our needs!! They are 5 now and doing great!! Thank you so much!!

Here's my little peanut Nadya. She celebrated her 8th birthday in August. It will be 8 years ago this spring that she spent 6 weeks in and out of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit or PICU. As one can tell by this picture- those days are well in her past!! The healing process involves many individuals and players- of which the RMHC was one. Thank you!!!! Justin Berg

These 3 are turning 14. We always think back with thankfulness that I was able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House while they were in the NICU!!" Sandy Pope



A Secure Home

Last year the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield provided housing for 287 families with 438 House visits ranging from days to 9 months in length. Over 9,000 families have stayed in this House since opening in December, 1983.

Our families rely on a safe, comfortable haven during a stressful time. We provide a secure facility, working utilities, accessible kitchen space, maintained common areas, and much more.

Donors trust in this organization to provide families what they need seven days a week, 365 days of the year. This organization could not operate without the strong support of individuals, businesses, civic groups, churches, and schools each year providing support for our daily operations.



Often overlooked is the power of planned gifts that secure the future of the House for those families who will need our unique services. Planned gifts can come in many forms, but the simplest and easiest way is to designate the Ronald McDonald House as a beneficiary in your will or revocable living trust.

As a general rule it is best to consult your financial advisor if you are considering a planned gift, but below is general language that you can use in a will.

"I give (____ percent of my estate) or (the residue of my estate) or (\$_____specific dollar amount) to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Marshfield, Inc (tax ID #93-0833012), located at 803 W North Street, Marshfield, WI 54449 for its general use and purposes."

We are grateful for you support. Please consider the Ronald McDonald House in your personal estate planning to ensure the long-term sustainability of the House.

Special Thanks!



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Help Spread the News

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Marshfield has been enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year.

If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice, please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 1.800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or email: mail@thrivent.com.

House Highlights

October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015

Our Occupancy Rate:

From October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, our Ronald McDonald House served 287 families.

Statistics:

Total number of families served287
Total number of family visits to
our House438
Average Room Occupancy rate (includes 88
Motel Accommodation Vouchers given out for
alternate lodging when we were full) 76%

Average length of stay......7 nights

Geographic area served 34 Wisconsin counties, the U.P. of Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Alaska, Maryland, and South Dakota.

Frequent medical problems served:

Premature babies

- Surgery
- Head/back Trauma
- Oncology
- Respiratory/RSV/pneumonia
- High Risk Pregnancy

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• Other complications at birth

Distance families traveled to stay here:

0-25 miles: 4 families 26-50 miles: 77 families 207 families 51+ miles:

Alaska - 1 Maryland - 1 South Dakota - 1

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Economics:

Total program service expenses for 2014	\$264,181.00
Operating revenue from McDonald's & customers (canister collections)	22%
Amount families are asked to contribute per night's stay	\$5.00
Guest family contributions (room rent)	6%
Individual & corporate contributions, fundraisers, interest & dividends	72%

Fast Facts:

Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families and their children who are receiving treatment at Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital or Marshfield Clinic, regardless of their ability to pay. Our House has 10 bedrooms, 4 public bathrooms, several living rooms, indoor and outdoor play areas, large remodeled kitchen and dining room, 3 laundry facilities, elevator to make house handicap accessible, basement rec room, and WiFi wireless throughout the House donated by AT&T.

Marshfield's Ronald McDonald House opened on December 8, 1983. We are the only House serving one hospital for all of central and northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Our House is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by 2 full-time and 7 part-time staff and many dedicated House volunteers. Group volunteers also help by making home-cooked meals for our families (part of our "Meal a Month" program) and doing special projects such as spring and fall yard clean up, decorating the House for the holidays, or third party fundraisers.



June 16, 2015 -October 15, 2015

Many Thanks

The Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield is a not-for-profit organization that provides a temporary "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are undergoing medical treatment at Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital or Marshfield Clinic. The House relies on the support of individuals, businesses and organizations to provide services to families in need. We would like to acknowledge those who have demonstrated their support in many ways during the past quarter. This list represents cash and in-kind contributions received from June 16, 2015 - October 15, 2015. If we have erred or omitted anyone, please accept our apologies.

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The RMHC of Marshfield is always grateful for fundraising efforts by area organizations. However, it is necessary for us to approve all events that use our name and logo. If your group would like to organize a fundraising event to benefit the House, please call us at 715-387-5899, and we will be happy to discuss the details.

Many Thanks

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Please check this list of items and foods that we so often need at our House. We're thankful for all the businesses, groups and individuals who refill our pantry.

Before making a large donation, we ask that you call 715-387-5899 to set up a delivery time.

FOOD ITEMS

- Grocery Store gift cards (these work great to purchase items as needed)
- Chicken Breasts (fresh or frozen)
- Fresh Milk, Bread & Butter/weekly
- Fruits and Veggies (fresh or frozen)
- **Breakfast Bars**
- **Coffee Creamers**
- Instant Scalloped & Mashed **Potatoes**
- White Granulated Sugar
- Whole Grain Breakfast Cereals
- Frozen Casseroles (hot dishes)
- **Hot Chocolate Packets**
- **Hot Oatmeal Packets**
- Single portion sizes of fruit cups. cereals, mac n cheese, peanut butter, soups, etc. for our family lounge at the Children's Hospital

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

STORE gift cards (ShopKo, Target, Wal-Mart, Menards, MACCI, etc.)

- **Liquid Laundry Detergent**
- 4 & 8-Gallon Garbage Bags 13-Gallon Drawstring Garbage Bags
- Pledge Multi-Surface Everyday Cleaner
- **Furniture Dusting Wipes**
- **Disinfectant Wipes**
- **Swiffer Sweeper Cleaning Sheets**
- **Disposable Razors**
- **Feminine Items**
- Towels (bath & hand -white only)
- Washcloths (white only)
- Batteries (C & AA)
- **Dryer Sheets**

OTHER

- "Forever" Postage Stamps
- White Letter-Size Printer Paper
- Volunteer group to set up trees & decorate for the holidays!



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Formal/semi-formal attire is encouraged. Must be 21 to attend.

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