

This is the House

where families meet to continue their lives,

to eat and sleep,

to find their strengths and dry their tears,

to look forward with hope to better years.

This is the House that becomes their home.

This is the House that love built.



To Make a Donation.

If you would like to make a donation, you may mail a check to:

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio

555 Children's Drive West
Columbus, Ohio 43205.



Siblings of hospitalized children often stay with their parents at the House

Welcome



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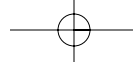
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About the Ronald McDonald House

Located at the southwest corner of the Children's Hospital campus, near the Livingston Avenue and Parsons Avenue intersection, the facility has 40 family bedrooms and four continuing care suites.

In addition to comfortable bedrooms with private bathrooms, the House has fully-equipped kitchens with dining areas, play rooms, laundry facilities, a meditation room and gathering areas. Linens and a limited food pantry are provided. For families who arrive via the emergency room, personal items are available upon request. Continuing care suites, isolated from the rest of the House, are available to families of transplant recipients and other specified conditions.

Around-the-clock staff operate the House and provide assistance to the families. Volunteers support the full-time staff with House operations. Day-to-day housekeeping tasks are the shared responsibility of families with occasional help from volunteer groups and individuals. There are frequent group meals for the families, provided by outside groups.

The Columbus Ronald McDonald House is open 365 days a year. A guest's stay may range from one night to several months.



Children who are hospitalized need the security of having their parents near them.

Parents often prefer to stay in the hospital room with their child during short stays. However, there are situations

when this is not possible, or the family is not from a nearby community and can not easily make trips home to sleep, eat and shower. Typically, families of children with long hospital stays cannot sustain the expenses of an extended stay in a hotel.

The Ronald McDonald House gives families a "home-away-from-home," a place where they can break away from the hospital, yet be available at a moment's notice.

Donation Request

The actual cost to Ronald McDonald House Charities to provide a single family one night's stay is \$75 per night. Families are asked to make a nominal donation of \$20 per night; however, no one is ever turned away for their inability to make a contribution.

We welcome donations from other organizations, corporations and individuals to help subsidize this program through our Share-a-Night program. For more information, please contact the Development Department at 614/227-3700.

How to Contact the House

Guests of the House are referred by the hospital. Following a referral, RMHC staff will contact the family when a room is available. Rooms are provided on a space available basis to families with children under the age of 18 with priority given to families of patients in critical care at Children's Hospital.

For more information, a tour or to inquire about availability of a room, call 614-227-3734 or visit the web at colrmhc.org.

