



# 2019 Impact Report

## **MISSION**

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota, provides a **home away from home** and gives support to families seeking medical care for their children.

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## DEAR FRIENDS of the Ronald McDonald House,

# 2019 was a landmark year for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. Minnesota!

With the love and support of a caring and generous community, we completed construction of our 48,000-square foot addition, marking the milestone with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 16, 2019.





The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota is now the largest Ronald McDonald House in the entire state of Minnesota! Our capable and trusted project partners, including BWBR, Egan Company, Harris, and Knutson Construction, designed and constructed a safe and beautiful building that will serve families and children for generations to come.

We were overwhelmed by the widespread support for this \$17.5 million project. Thousands of individuals, businesses, and foundations provided financial gifts and donated material and labor to ensure we completed this vital project as quickly as possible. With great joy, the Board of Trustees of the Ronald McDonald House officially closed the Love Tremendously Hope Exceedingly campaign on October 24, 2019, after achieving 97% of our fundraising goal!

# MORE House MORE Children and Families MORE Love and Hope

Our mission is strong and the future is bright for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. There is much excitement about this next chapter as our dedicated volunteers and staff adjust to our significantly larger House and serving more families every day. Although the future always brings with it a measure of uncertainty, we are confident in our commitment to providing a home away from home and caring support to families seeking medical care for their children. The future holds the promise of helping more families when they need help the most.

As you enjoy this year's Impact Report, please know that our mission is strong and bright because of your steady and caring support. Families find love, hope, and respite here in the **House That Love Built** and gain strength as they meet others facing similar journeys. Thank you for supporting this mission and the children and families we have the privilege of serving.

Prairy S. Elliott

With gratitude and appreciation,

Tyler Coleman President Peggy Elliott
Executive Director





## **2019** Family Statistics

Number of Family Visits 425\*
\*House was under construction for 10 months in 2019

Average Length of Stay 24 nights

Total Nights Provided to Families 10,790

Families on Waiting List 1,864

Average Nights on Waiting List

Number of Families Not Served **1,164**\*

\*Families who did not physically stay at the House received other support and services from the House

#### DIAGNOSIS DISTRIBUTION

Medical 138

Newborn 90

Surgery 80

Cancer 47

Proton Beam 34

Psychiatry **16** 

Transplant 13

Fetal Surgery 5

High Risk Pregnancy 1
Mood Clinic 1

#### STATES REPRESENTED

Alabama4	Illinois <b>11</b>	Nebraska3	Oregon <b>1</b>
Alaska <b>2</b>	lowa 49	Nevada <b>1</b>	South Carolina. 3
Arizona2	Kansas4	New Jersey 1	South Dakota .19
Arkansas1	Kentucky3	New Mexico1	Tennessee 4
California9	Louisiana1	New York3	Texas4
Colorado3	Michigan3	North Carolina . 1	Utah 3
Florida 2	Minnesota 154	North Dakota .21	Washington2
Georgia1	Mississippi4	Ohio2	Wisconsin 85
Idaho2	Missouri1	Oklahoma <b>3</b>	
COUNTRIES/	Puerto Rico3	Canada <b>1</b>	Saudi Arabia 1
<b>TERRITORIES</b>	Algeria <b>1</b>	China2	Trinidad1
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# Ronald McDonald House of Rochester programs provide healthy, family centered opportunities for kids to be kids and families to spend precious time together. Many memories are made at the House.

PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Daily Fun-Filled Activities	1,111
Paw Pals Pet Therapy	1,060
Family Activity Bags (arts, crafts, games, books)	202
Music Therapy with Healing Rhythms	138
Outings (baseball game, zoo, trick-or-treating)	<b>57</b>
Snowflake Room	47
Winter Wonder Days	38
Hooray Bead Program (symbolize child's medical journey	7



The 70-room Ronald McDonald House of Rochester completed its expansion and renovation in October 2019. Upon completion of the project, the House became the largest in the state of Minnesota, the 11th largest in the country and the 17th largest in the world.

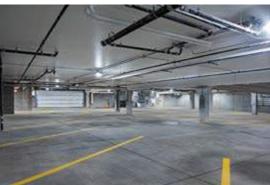


























Founded in 2019, the

## Fresh Food Co-Op

serves the children and families staying at the House and on the waiting list by providing them with fresh and healthy perishable food items, such as protein, produce, dairy and more, at no cost to the families. It provides access to healthy, supplemental food options, allowing children and families to focus solely on their health and well-being. The Fresh Food Co-Op is the first of its kind and was originally funded by the generosity of AbbVie via a \$50,000 Remarkable Impact Grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities.



Volunteers share their time, expertise, and compassion with children and families at the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester.

## 2019

**1,620**Total
Volunteers

19,088 Total Hours \$537,327 Value of Volunteer Hours \*(28.15 independent sector)

Volunteers give families the gift of sharing a meal together by preparing and serving House Dinners at the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester.

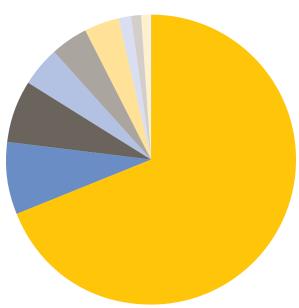
1,020
House
Dinner
Volunteers

4,025
House Dinner
Volunteers
Hours

148
House
Dinners
Hosted

4,945
Individual
Meals
Provided





#### **Contributed Hours** by Category/Role

HouseWarmer 10,406

Special Projects 1,218

Service Activities 1,045

Family Activities 653

Board/Committee 641

House Dinner Host 566

Special Event Support 216

Pet Therapy 151

Bake Shop 145

Gardening 22

Volunteers 600 Contributed Hours 15,063

# **DONOR** Impact

# Rick and Wendy Lommen received the 2019 Ronald Award...their second such recognition!

The Ronald Award is a nationwide honor given to McDonald's owners who show exceptional contributions and progression of the McDonald's brand. Another factor in the award is their commitment to Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota.

Rick and Wendy first connected with the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester in 1994 by gifting it with a family services grant. After purchasing McDonald's restaurants from owner/operator Phil Henoch and his wife Barb in 2001, Rick and Wendy's presence in the Rochester community grew and their relationship with the House strengthened.

Today, Courtesy Corporation-McDonald's, Rick and Wendy's organization, owns/operates 62 McDonald's restaurants in western Wisconsin, southeastern Minnesota, and Clear Lake and Decorah, Iowa.

The Lommens value the importance of educating their employees to help fundraise for the charity and tell the story of the House. Courtesy Corporation-



McDonald's has 4,000 brand ambassadors that believe in the mission—provide a home away from home and give support to families seeking medical care for their children—and share it with thousands of customers every day. More importantly, Rick and Wendy have made the House a part of their everyday training and store operations. The House message is carried to every community event and school presentation that is sponsored as a business.



It's support that the Lommens intend to continue for years to come.

"Each customer is an opportunity to educate them on the good the House does for children and families," said Rick. "A new employee is a new opportunity to educate about the support provided for children and families. They may not stay with Courtesy Corporation forever, but they will take with them the value of the House."

"Our parents were role models for us," Wendy said. "As second generation owners/operators, there is no better way to give back to the community than by supporting the House. We will ensure that the tradition continues with the next generation.

"The children we have met over the years have touched us deeply and are the reason we always have to do more for families at the House."

Rick and Wendy and Courtesy Corporation-McDonald's presence inside the House is extensive, highlighted by the brand new Indoor Activity Room, which provides kids with a year-round space to run and play.

The Lommens both served on the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester Board of Trustees; Rick from 2003-2008 and Wendy since 2009, with Rick serving as Board President in 2006.

Courtesy Corporation restaurants continue to support the House in numerous ways. Cookies for Kids has been raising money for the House through chocolate chip cookie sales since 2009, with all profits benefiting children and families. It has raised \$1.1 million to date. The Apache Mall location features a mural of children and families from the House. All Courtesy Corporation restaurants are participating in the newly implemented Round Up for RMHC program, which enables customers to round their total to the nearest whole dollar as a donation for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

#### And so much more!

Rick and Wendy's generous and passionate support for serving sick children and their families helped the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester reach new heights in 2019...and beyond!

# A LASTING Legacy

I love the unity, compassion, life, and love I feel every time I walk through the doors of the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. A planned gift reinforces these feelings, reflecting a type of partnership between me and the House and recognizing mutual beliefs and values for the future. I believe planned gifts are special because they can be identified today and benefit children and families at the Ronald McDonald House in the future.

> - Cynthia Nelson Ronald McDonald House of Rochester Emeritus Trustee

## **HEARTS OF GOLD**

Donors who have named the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester as a beneficiary in their will, life insurance policy, retirement plan or trust are invited to join **Hearts of Gold**. In many instances, a planned gift can make a more significant impact without sacrificing income or security for a person's own family. For more information or to share your intentions and join Hearts of Gold, please contact Samantha Whipple at 507-424-3216 or swhipple@rmhmn.org.

# 2019 EVENT PHOTOS









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# **SPECIAL Events**

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester special events provide an opportunity to introduce people to the mission, celebrate the children and families who call it home, and raise funds to support the daily operations. All funds raised at the special events are used to support children and families staying at the House. Thank you to all of the 2019 special event sponsors:

#### **Hearts & Diamonds Spectacular**

Presenting Sponsor: Sterling State Bank

Exclusive Diamond Sponsor: Hight & Randall Personal Jeweler

**Event Sponsor:** Somerby Golf Club

**Major Sponsors:** Knutson Construction, Luxe Beauty Bar, Rochester Motor Cars **Heartfelt Sponsors:** EmBe Photography, Cambria, Fagan Studios, Le Jardin

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# Ronald McDonald House Family Walk, a Scheels Med City Marathon Event

Signature Sponsor: Data-Smart Computers & Telecommunications

#### **Swing Your Birdie Golf Classic**

Presenting Sponsor: Think Mutual Bank Lunch Sponsor: Benike Construction

Social Hour Sponsor: Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.

Exclusive Cart & Beverage Sponsor: Coca-Cola

Golfer Gift Sponsor: Subaru of Rochester

Putting Green Sponsor: Courtesy Corporation - McDonald's

Media Sponsor: KTTC

#### Party at the Pavilion

**Event Founders:** Wendell & Dianne Pittenger

Major Sponsors: Egan Company, Harris Company, Knutson Construction

**Music Sponsor:** Heartman Insurance **Media Sponsor:** Townsquare Media

Raffle Sponsor: Premier Bank of Rochester

Heart of Hope Sponsors: Dunlap & Seeger, P.A., Doubletree,

Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton

**Heart of Love Sponsors:** K&M Glass, Subaru of Rochester

**Brewery Sponsors:** Little Thistle Brewing Co., LTS Brewing Company,

Kinney Creek Brewery

# **ANNUAL** Report

#### **Financial Position 2019**

#### **ASSETS**

\$ 1,088,185
18,732,934
5,493,356
188,619
66,032

**TOTAL** \$ 25,569,126

#### **LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES** \$ 306,612

**NFT ASSETS** 

Land, Building & equipment 18,732,934 Board designated

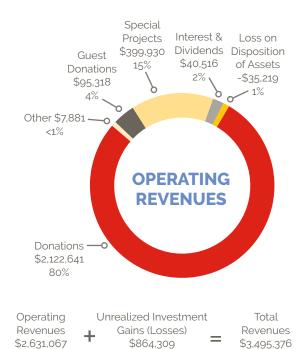
Scholarship designated 70.000

Temporary & permanently restricted 565,920

Unrestricted 5,893,660

**TOTAL** \$ 25,569,126

Financials Audited Annually



RMH Program \$2,301,080 85% Expenses \$2,696,680

Administrative

\$163,685

Fundraising

\$231,915

9%

**OPERATING** 

**EXPENSES** 

Total

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