



# 2024

ANNUAL REPORT



**RMHC**<sup>®</sup>  
of Central Illinois



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## OUR MISSION

We provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

### Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois

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Peoria, IL 61603  
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Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
of Central Illinois



# KEEPING FAMILIES CLOSE

The Springfield and Peoria Houses are owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI), a local nonprofit organization with headquarters in Springfield. RMHCCI operates through a small paid staff and an all-volunteer Board of Directors consisting of local health professionals, McDonald's Owner/Operators and community business and civic leaders. Without RMHC, many families will not have a place to stay while their child is receiving medical care. Anticipated growth of the medical community makes this even more important, with over 90% of children's hospitals in the US partnering with our charity.



## RMHCCI HISTORY

**1984** Construction on Springfield House began

**1985** Kids At Heart officially established

**1986** Springfield House officially opened on February 15

**1993** Kids At Heart and the Ronald McDonald House merge to become RMHCCI

**2001** Springfield House completes a 4,470 square foot remodel

**2011** RMHCCI celebrates 25 year anniversary

**2014** Labor of Love Expansion & Renovation Project

**2016** 5 Year Strategic Plan passes with goal to add Peoria House

**2018** Peoria House \$8.8M Capital Campaign goal set - 80% of funds raised plus additional \$1.5M

**2019** Peoria House welcomes its first families.

# Thank You, McDonald's!

## 2024 Owner/Operators

Andrew Birschbach  
Angie Desmond Matlock  
Ashley Orscheln  
Blake Linders  
Bradley Davis  
Deanna Witzel  
Gary Birschbach  
Gregory Shierling  
Emily Mast  
James Desmond  
Kimberly Derringer  
Martin Davis  
Mary Breznay  
Paul Breznay  
Michael Kasprzyk  
Michael McGraw  
Mikel Petro  
Nathan Pappas  
Kennedy Conn  
Randy Conn  
Robert Gilstrap  
Ryan Clark  
Terry Clark

*As an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, we extend a special thank you to McDonald's, our Mission Partner and largest corporate donor.*

Portions of the annual operating costs for our Ronald McDonald Houses are graciously funded by Owner/Operators of local McDonald's restaurants through in-store campaigns. The remainder of our annual operating income comes from the generosity of individual, nonprofit, memorial, and corporate donors.

We would like to personally thank our McDonald's Owner/Operators of Greater Central Illinois and Peoria/Bloomington for all the support they have given RMHCCI in the past, present and future!

### ***More specifically, McDonald's Owner/Operators support us through:***

- Conducting the annual Give a Little Love fundraiser each February
- Partnering with us for promotional and fundraising events
- Serving on our Board of Directors
- Hosting RMHCCI donation boxes in their restaurants
- Donating in-restaurant sales of USA Today and local newspapers
- Conducting the National RMHC® fundraiser

Although McDonald's is our largest corporate donor, no company can solely fund RMHCCI programs and our projected growth. We need the support of the entire community and greatly value any support you can provide to RMHCCI - whether it's through cash donations, your time, or other fundraising efforts.

# 2024 Board Of Directors

## *Executive Board Members*

Mark Denzler, Chair  
Jawad Javed, MD, Vice Chair  
Allison Paul, Secretary  
Tolly Ebbing, Treasurer  
Terry Clark, Owner/Operator Liaison

## *Board Members*

Kyle Smith  
Mark Tyrpin  
Lauren Ullrich  
Julie Welch  
Lindsay Bentivegna  
Patrick Besler  
Mina Biggs  
Brian Byers  
Jordan Powell  
Chad Kirkenmeier  
Maura Freeman  
Mike McGraw  
John Kaiser  
Nicole Rau  
Faisal Hasan



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- Jalee and Derek

## Suddarth Family

When Jalee and Derek Suddarth welcomed their daughter Collins into the world, she weighed just 1 lb 11 oz. Born extremely premature, Collins faced cardiac issues and gross motor delays, spending the first 109 days of her life in the NICU. For the Suddarths, living in Bloomington, the thought of traveling back and forth to Peoria during this time felt overwhelming—until a nurse introduced them to Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois.

“Within 25 minutes, we were set up with a room for the next day,” Jalee recalls. “I was absolutely amazed. It exceeded all of my expectations—professional yet homey and welcoming. It felt like we truly mattered.” The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois became their sanctuary, just minutes from the hospital. It was a place where they could rest, recharge, and feel supported. “When your child is in the hospital, you forget to care for yourself. I can’t imagine making the trip to Peoria every day and doing it safely,” Jalee shared.

The impact of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois extended beyond convenience. From warm meals provided by community partners to compassionate staff who knew them by name, the House became a vital part of their journey. “One of the team members connected me with other NICU moms. It was comforting to feel less alone,” Jalee said. Leaving Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois was bittersweet. “It had become home. The day we checked out, I was excited to take Collins home but sad to leave the people who had been our support system.”

Now, the Suddarths honor the impact of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois by giving back. Each year, around Collins’ birthday, they make a donation to ensure other families receive the same support they did. “We donated \$300, toys for the kids’ corner, and around 30 lbs of pop tabs,” Derek said proudly.

Reflecting on their experience, Jalee and Derek express deep gratitude. “It takes a lot to give to someone you don’t know, but every single bit makes a difference. Thank you to everyone who donates time, meals, and money—you’re helping families like ours stay close to their children when they need it most.”

Collins is now three years old, a thriving reminder of the strength of family and the impact of kindness. For the Suddarth family, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois was not just a place to stay—it was a lifeline during their toughest days.



# 2024 Financial Summary

## ASSETS

Cash, Cash Equivalents & Short-Term Investments .....	\$506,606
Land, Buildings & Equipment, Less Accumulated Depreciation .....	\$10,678,851
Investments/Other Assets.....	\$4,650,624
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$15,836,081</b>

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses.....	\$3,370,917
Unrestricted.....	\$11,772,995
With Donor Restrictions.....	\$692,169
Long-Term Debt .....	\$3,234,926
<b>Total Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$12,465,164</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$15,836,081</b>

## INCOME AND DONATIONS

Fundraising Events.....	\$459,879
Government Grants.....	\$0
Other Cash Contributions.....	\$1,332,849
Program Service Revenue.....	\$0
Investment Income.....	\$75,535
Net Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments.....	\$309,861

**Total Income.....** **\$2,178,124**

## FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Program services.....	\$2,101,454
(Peoria & Springfield House Operations & Outreach)	
Fundraising.....	\$342,958
Management & General.....	\$404,958

**Total Expenses.....** **\$2,849,370**



## Ronald McDonald House® Programs in Springfield and Peoria

### Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois Houses

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois House in Springfield opened on February 15, 1986, providing a welcoming home away from home for families of children and young adults from birth through their 22nd birthday who are receiving medical care at any medical facility in Springfield. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois House in Peoria followed, opening on December 16, 2019. Together, the two Houses offer 36 private guest rooms, including 14 in Springfield and 22 in Peoria. Each room offers a comfortable place to sleep and private bathroom. Guests also have access to a fully equipped kitchen, shared living and dining spaces, laundry facilities, large pantries stocked with complimentary food, and dedicated storage space for their own groceries.

### Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois Day Program

In Peoria, families can enjoy complimentary laundry, showers, and nutritious meals. Our facilities also include a playground, art room, game room, and designated family and dining areas for relaxation or work.

In Springfield, our offerings include free laundry, delicious meals, and a children's library, in addition to the playground and family areas available for use.

### Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois Hospitality Cart

Our Hospitality Cart at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield is stocked with hygiene kits, comfort items, snacks, drinks, and family-centered activities. The cart, run by volunteers, visits various units to provide comfort and care items to families at their child's bedside, extending support beyond our Houses.

### Important 2024 Stats

In 2024, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois helped keep families close to the care their children needed by providing 9,156 overnight stays to 486 families between January 1 and December 31. Our Day Program officially opened May 9 and supported 139 families. 151 individuals received comfort and care through the inaugural runs of our Hospitality Cart.

## 2024 Families Served

The Illinois counties with the most family registrations were:

LOCATION	FAMILIES	NIGHTS
Rock Island	46	620
LaSalle	44	637
McLean	35	534
Macon	34	960
Champaign	21	671
Adams	16	297
McDonough	15	259
Henry	13	205
Shelby	10	242
Fulton	9	230

 **486**  
Families Served

 **9,156**  
Overnight Stays

 **139**  
Daytime Guests

 **151**  
Hospitality Cart Recipients



# Volunteer Opportunities

- Meals From The Heart
- Guest Service Volunteers
- Group Volunteers
- Event Volunteers
- Special Talent / Skill Volunteers



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