# ANNUAL REPORT









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# **OUR MISSION**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois provides a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care, and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois**

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# **KEEPING FAMILIES CLOSE**

The Springfield and Peoria Houses are owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI), a local non-profit 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.



Springfield House began

Springfield House officially opened on February 15

Springfield House completes a 4.470 square foot remodel

> 5 Year Strategic Plan passes with goal to add Peoria House

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

Kids At Heart officially established

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

**RMHCCI** celebrates 25 year anniversary

Labor of Love Expansion

& Renovation Project

Peoria House welcomes its first famil

# Thank You, McDonald's!

2023 Owner/Operators

Andrew Birschbach
Angie Desmond Matlock
Blake Linders
Bradley Davis
Deanna Wetzel
Gary Birschbach
Gregory Shierling
James Desmond
Kimberly Derringer

Mary Breznay
Michael Kasprzyk
Michael McGraw
Mikel Petro
Nathan Pappas
Paul Breznay

Martin "Marty" Davis

Ryan Clark Terry Clark

Robert Gilstrap

As an independent non-profit 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, non-profit, 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.

# **2023 Board Of Directors**

## **Executive Board Members**

Mark Denzler, Chair
M. Jawad Javed, MD, Vice Chair
Mike McGraw, Secretary
Tolly Ebbing, Treasurer
Terry Clark, Owner/Operator Liaison

## **Board Members**

Justin Ball Mark Tyrpin

Lauren Ullrich Julie Welch

Lindsay Bentivegna Patrick Besler

Mina Biggs Brian Byers

Tolly Ebbing Don Forrest

Maura Freeman Cody Gerdes

John Kaiser Chad Kirkenmeier

Dave Matthews Allison Paul

Jordan Powell Terrence "TAT" Taylor



"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do. You're pretty incredible people. It takes special people to dedicate the time and effort that you do. It's something you will never forget, no matter what."

- Amber & Ben

# **Meet Jaxon**

Meet Jaxon, a remarkable 8-year-old boy who has faced more challenges in his young life than most. In this heartfelt video, we introduce you to Jaxon, his mom, Amber, and his dad, Ben, as they share their touching story of courage and perseverance during Jaxon's battle with leukemia and other health obstacles.

Jaxon's journey began with an unexpected heart defect diagnosis on the day he was born, leading to a life-saving open-heart surgery at just 15 days old. The Ronald McDonald House was not in Peoria at the time, and the family endured significant financial strain as they navigated this difficult period.

When the unthinkable happened right before Christmas, and Jaxon showed signs of influenza, it was the start of another challenging chapter. He woke up a week later with two black eyes and bruises all over his body, leading to the heartbreaking discovery of leukemia. Jaxon spent over 30 days in the hospital, facing the arduous second phase of leukemia treatment.



In their own words, Ben and Amber recount the financial and emotional burdens they faced, recalling the credit card debt, hotel stays, and restaurant expenses. However, their lives took a turn when they learned about the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI).

As Ben aptly puts it, "We had to be here, so we figured it out. It was a big difference until this time." With Jaxon's leukemia diagnosis, their concerns resurfaced, but the support from RMHCCI proved to be a lifeline. A dedicated caseworker provided them with the information they needed, and it was like a weight lifted off their chests.

The Ronald McDonald House became a home away from home for the family, offering them a place to eat, sleep, and stay close to the hospital. Amber fondly remembers the warm meals provided by the staff and the to-go containers filled with love.

# **2023 Financial Summary**

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Cash, Cash Equivalents & Short-Term Investments	
Land, Buildings & Equipment, Less Accumulated Depreciation	
Investments/Other Assets	\$5,100,502
Total Assets	\$16,684,748
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$304,547
Unrestricted	\$12,431,619
With Donor Restrictions	\$704,791
Long-Term Debt	\$3,243,791
Total Net Assets	\$13,136,410
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	
INCOME AND DONATIONS	
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Fundraising Events	
Government Grants	
Other Cash Contributions	
Program Service Revenue	
Investment Income	_
Net Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments	\$354,566
Total Income	\$2,082,162
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	
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Program services	\$1,947,467
(Peoria & Springfield House Operations & Outreach)	<b>.</b>
Fundraising	
Management & General	\$333,042
Total Expenses	\$2,578,123
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#### **RMHCCI PROGRAMS**

## Springfield & Peoria Ronald McDonald Houses

The Springfield Ronald McDonald House, opened on February 15, 1986, serves families of children ages 0-21 (through their 22nd birthday) receiving medical care at any medical facility (inpatient or outpatient) in Springfield. The Peoria Ronald McDonald House officially opened on December 16, 2019. Both Houses have a fully equipped kitchen, living and dining common areas, laundry rooms, and a total of 38 bedrooms (16 in Springfield and 22 in Peoria) - each with a private bath and other amenities. A large pantry stocked with food is available to guests at no charge, plus access to their own food storage.

### Important 2023 Stats

RMHCCI provided 8,302 nights of stay in 2023 to families, serving 456 families as overnight guests between January 1 and December 31, 2023.





# 2023 Families Served

The Illinois counties with the most family registrations were:

LOCATION	FAMILIES	NIGHTS
La Salle	45	724
Macon	36	535
Rock Island	32	473
McLean	25	566
Champaign	18	366
Knox	18	395
McDonough	18	437
Vermilon	14	159
Adams	13	158
Christian	12	300



# **Volunteer Opportunities**

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





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