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ABOUT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES*

MISSION

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC*), a non-profit, 501(c)(3), creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. RMHC fulfills its mission by creating programs that address targeted needs, and by supporting these programs through its global network of local Chapters in 50 countries and regions.

CORE PROGRAMS

The **Ronald McDonald House** ♦ program has provided a “home away from home” for millions of families since its inception in 1974. There are more than 260 Ronald McDonald Houses open in 28 countries worldwide, including:

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| Argentina | Mexico |
| Australia | Netherlands |
| Austria | New Zealand |
| Brazil | Norway |
| Canada | Puerto Rico |
| Denmark | Romania |
| Finland | Scotland |
| France | Spain |
| Germany | Sweden |
| Guatemala | Switzerland |
| Hong Kong | United Kingdom |
| Hungary | United States |
| Ireland | Venezuela |
| Japan | |
| Malaysia | |

The **Ronald McDonald Family Room** ♣ program provides a home-like haven inside hospitals, often just steps away from neonatal or pediatric intensive care units. Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provide the families of hospitalized children an opportunity to refresh, rest, and reflect, without leaving their children’s sides. Today, there are 108 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in 11 countries, including:

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| Australia | Singapore |
| Guatemala | Switzerland |
| Japan | Taiwan |
| Netherlands | Turkey |
| New Zealand | United States |
| Russia | |

The **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile** ♣ program is a fleet of state-of-the-art vehicles that deliver cost-effective medical, dental and educational services to underserved children in their own neighborhoods. Currently, there are 30 Care Mobile programs in service in three countries, including:

- Argentina
- Poland
- United States.

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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANT MAKING

Ronald McDonald House Charities awards grants to non-profit organizations for programs that directly improve the health and well being of children.

National and international grant requests are reviewed two times per year by a 20-plus-member Board of Trustees in Oak Brook, Ill., comprised of health professionals, business and civic leaders, and McDonald's representatives.

Local Chapters of Ronald McDonald House Charities support Ronald McDonald Houses and other children's programs in their communities. They are run by boards comprised of members of the local medical community, business and civic leaders, parents/volunteers, and McDonald's representatives.

HISTORY

The first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia in 1974 as the result of the perseverance and dedication of Fred Hill, then a Philadelphia Eagles football player. After his daughter, Kim, was treated for leukemia at the local children's hospital, Hill became determined to help other families faced with the same situation. Very few institutions at that time provided sufficient accommodations for such families, and Dr. Audrey Evans, a pediatric oncologist at Children's Hospital, suggested that a "home away from home" was needed. Hill enlisted the help of his teammates and the local McDonald's restaurant franchisees to raise funds to purchase and renovate the first House.

WEB SITE

www.rmhc.org

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