



**Ken Barun**  
**President & CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities®**  
**Corporate Senior Vice President, McDonald's Corporation®**

For more than 20 years, Barun has served as the leader of Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald House Charities, a 501(c)3, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children through its network of Chapters in 49 countries around the world.

Under his leadership, Ronald McDonald House Charities has grown to become a global organization, awarding more than \$440 million in grants and program services to non-profit children's organizations worldwide, including initiatives to address youth suicide, prevent child abuse, feed homeless children and much more. Ronald McDonald House, the Charity's cornerstone program, offers lodging to families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. Nearly 260 House programs provide 6,000 rooms for families each night in 28 countries.

From 1983 to 1986, Barun served at the White House as Director of Projects and Policy for First Lady Nancy Reagan, where he was responsible for planning and implementing her public activities. In addition, he is author of the book, *How To Keep the Children You Love Off Drugs*. In 1990, Barun was appointed to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation by President George Bush. In 2003 he was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the President's Committee for Drug Free communities.

Barun has received numerous awards including most recently the American Refugee Committee's Humanitarian of the Year Award for 2002, The John P. McGovern Distinguished Humanitarian Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Houston. He is a noted lecturer and public speaker and has traveled around the world appearing in his role as head of the Charity and as a corporate spokesman on other public affairs issues.

Barun is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife, Sethea, have seven children and reside in Darien, IL.

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