



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Inc. (RMHC®), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children worldwide. Its goal is to make an immediate, positive impact on as many children as possible through its global network of local Chapters in nearly 50 countries.

In addition to its three core programs – **Ronald McDonald House®**, **Ronald McDonald Family Room™** and **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™** – RMHC makes grants to non-profit organizations to help children everywhere. To date, RMHC and its local Chapters have awarded more than \$430 million in grants and program services to non-profit children's organizations worldwide.

*Ronald McDonald House®* The Ronald McDonald House program celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004 and has provided a "home-away-from-home" for more than 10 million families since its inception in 1974. There are currently 258 Ronald McDonald Houses in 28 countries worldwide.

*Ronald McDonald Family Room™* The Ronald McDonald Family Room program provides a home-like haven inside hospitals, offering families of critically ill children an opportunity to reflect, shower or rest without leaving their child's side. Today, there are 97 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in 10 countries.

*Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™* Launched in the fall of 2000, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program is a fleet of state-of-the-art vehicles that deliver cost-effective medical, dental and health education services directly to underserved children in their own neighborhoods. There are 28 Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs currently in service in the United States, Argentina and Poland, bringing healthcare and education to more than 75,000 children each year.

*A summary of RMHC operations in Europe* The first house in Europe was opened in 1985 in the Netherlands, where there are now 13 houses  
There are:  
∞ 23 RMHC chapters across Europe  
∞ 59 Ronald McDonald House programs  
∞ 25 Ronald McDonald Family Room programs  
∞ 92 Playrooms in-hospital  
∞ 1 Care Mobile

*Ronald McDonald House Charities Expands in 2006* In 2006, Ronald McDonald House Charities plans to roll out six new Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs, one of which will be introduced in El Salvador. Additionally, the Charity is planning to open eight Ronald McDonald Houses, including the first Ronald McDonald House in Italy, located in San Giovanni Rotondo, as well as a new Ronald McDonald House in Lisbon, Portugal. The Ronald McDonald Family Room, the Charity's fastest growing program, plans to open at least 10 new Family Rooms in 2006.