

WINNIE'S STORY

Peggy and Brett, first found out something was wrong with their daughter Winnie during her 20-week ultrasound. Tests revealed that Winnie had Down syndrome, and only 3 chambers in her heart, instead of 4.

After Winnie was born, they had to travel hours from home to Children's National Hospital to get her the heart surgery she needed to survive.

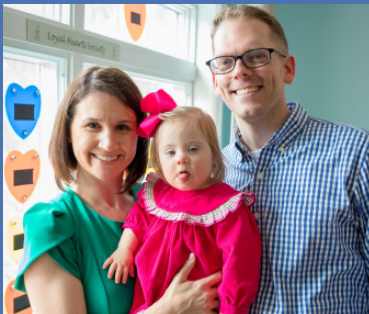
They didn't know how they would be by Winnie's side during her surgery and recovery while also caring for their 4-year old. During this time, when they needed each other most, splitting up the family didn't feel like an option.

When Peggy and Brett found out they could stay at our Ronald McDonald House, they were relieved they could be together. Peggy said, *"Ronald McDonald House became our 'home-away-from-home' where we could get away from the revolving door of medical staff and beeping machines."*

Thanks to supporters like our Loyal Hearts Society, a room, daily necessities, and access to the care they needed were available when Winnie's family needed them most.

Less than a month later, Winnie underwent a 4-hour surgery to patch 2 holes in her heart and it was a success! She recovered in just 5 days – half the time expected. Peggy said, *"Knowing we were a 5-minute drive to the hospital gave me invaluable peace of mind that we could 'come home' and take care of ourselves in order to be stronger the next day for our daughter."*

Winnie, the "little heart warrior," is doing so much better now and we love to see her family when they come back for check-ups. **You can help family's like Winnie's by joining our Loyal Hearts Society,**



You are the Foundation of Hope



Since 1980, we have grown from one sixteen-bedroom House in Washington, DC to now include two Ronald McDonald House® programs four isolation suites, three Ronald McDonald Family Room® programs at Children's National Hospital and Inova Children's Hospital and two Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® programs in partnership with MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

Our growth allows us to serve more than 10,000 children and their families every year. As we continue to grow, so does our need for financial support.

To meet the growing needs of our community, we ask you to join the Loyal Hearts Society. **Wear your heart on your sleeve with a gift or pledge of \$1,000 or more, or a monthly donation of \$84 or more.**

Levels of Giving

Hearts of HOPE	\$1,000
Hearts of CARE	\$1,001 - \$2,999
Hearts of LOVE	\$3,000 - \$4,999
Hearts of GOLD	\$5,000+

Consider a Pledge

Monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual donations will be totaled and attributed to you when you pledge your giving level today.

Please Respond Today

Thank you for helping children and keeping their families nearby for more than three decades. Because of you, 10,000 children are served in our community every year, receiving everything from the comfort of a "home-away-from-home" to free healthcare and access to critical resources.

Our Mission

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater Washington, DC (RMHCDC) eases the hardship of children's illness on families through programs that directly improve the health and wellbeing of children.

Why Sponsor A Family?

The operational cost of a family's one-night stay at our Ronald McDonald Houses is **\$197**; but RMHCDC only asks families to donate **\$15** a night for their stay.

60% of these families cannot afford the \$15 per night fee. **No family is ever turned away due to inability to pay.**



Avery and her family called our Ronald McDonald House® home for 8 months while Avery was hospitalized after she was born 17 weeks premature.



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