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About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater Washington, DC (RMHCDC)

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater Washington, DC, a non-profit, 501 (C) (3), eases the hardship of children’s illness on families through programs that directly improve the health and wellbeing of children.

CORE PROGRAMS

Two Ronald McDonald Houses®
Three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms®
Two Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles®

10,598 children were served last year through our three core programs.

Keeping Families Close®

RMHCDC programs not only provide access to quality health care, they enable family-centered care, ensuring families are fully supported and actively involved in their children's care.
Programs

Ronald McDonald House®

Ronald McDonald Houses (RMH) are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child. Families with a child being treated at a local hospital may be eligible to stay at one of our Ronald McDonald Houses. Each guest family has a private bedroom and bathroom, and access to a full kitchen, laundry room, living room, playroom, and outside play areas. A $15 donation per night is suggested, but families are never turned away for the inability to pay.

Ronald McDonald Family Room®

Ronald McDonald Family Rooms (RMFR) offer families a comfortable and welcoming place to rest and regroup right in the hospital, just steps away from a pediatric unit and their sick child. While services vary within our three RMFR, families will often find a kitchen area with a refrigerator and/or microwave, laundry facilities, seating area with reading materials, internet access, coffee and friendly, welcoming faces from RMHCDC volunteers.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®

Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles (RMCM), operated in association with MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, bring primary health care directly to children in their communities through two 40-foot long, 8-foot wide, state-of-the-art vehicles. One unit includes two patient examination rooms, a laboratory, and reception and medical records areas. The FITNESS Program, which teaches the importance of healthy eating and regular physical activity, is housed in a mobile unit that can be reconfigured for large or small group activities as well as individual consultations.
History

1974
The very first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia with the help of Dr. Audrey Evans, a pediatric oncologist at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

1978
With the active support of the Greater Washington Advertising Cooperative of the McDonald’s Corporation, RMHCDC’s cornerstone program, the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), was launched and incorporated as a non-profit, volunteer organization.

1994
We opened our first Ronald McDonald Family Room® (RMFR) in Children’s National Medical Center.

1995
Our RMH merged with Ronald McDonald House Charities to become Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater Washington, DC (RMHCDC).

1998
RMHCDC opened its second Ronald McDonald House in Northern Virginia.

2002
Worth magazine names RMHC one of “America’s 100 Best Charities of 2002.” It’s the second consecutive year RMHC receives this honor.

2003
RMHCDC puts the first KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic/Ronald McDonald Care Mobile on the road in Washington, D.C. District Wards 5-8.
2008 .................................

Ronald McDonald Family Room® at Children’s National moved to the Hematology/Oncology wing.

2013 .................................

RMHCDC opened a larger, newly renovated Ronald McDonald Family Room at Children’s National to include a full-size kitchen, laundry room, staff and programs for families.

2016 .................................

RMHCDC opened a new Ronald McDonald Family Room at Inova Children’s Hospital with a sitting area, computer bays, and kitchenette.

2018 .................................

The Ronald McDonald Family Room at Inova Children’s Hospital expanded service to two Family Rooms.

2006 .................................

RMHCDC launched a Capital Campaign to raise funds to build a larger RMH located on 14th Street NE.

2011 .................................

RMHCDC unveiled a brand new Ronald McDonald House of Washington, DC with 25 rooms, including 4 isolation suites for children with compromised immune systems. The new RMH was built “green” and certified as LEED Gold to benefit our families and the community for generations to come.

2015 .................................

RMHCDC unveiled a new KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic/Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

2017 .................................

We launched our second Ronald McDonald Care Mobile launched with a focus on the FITNESS Program (Fun In Teaching Nutrition and Exercise to Successful Students).
President and CEO, Karen Torres

Karen Torres joined Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington DC in April 2012 as President and CEO.

Hired as a change agent, under her leadership the chapter has experienced significant growth, increasing programs by 150%, operating budget by 183%, and annual number of children and families served by 225%.

RMHCDC recognition includes:

4-star ratings from Charity Navigator, Platinum level ratings from GuideStar, One of the Best Small Charities from Catalogue for Philanthropy, BBB accreditation, and Best Charity in Washington DC by Business.org.

Karen has been recognized in numerous local and national publications and awards recognizing accomplished, high-impact female business leaders and for her work improving lives in the community.

Prior to joining RMHCDC, she worked in the private and public sectors in marketing, media, and public relations.
RMHCDC Stats

Around the Houses in 2018

9,423 nights of lodging
884 family members

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in 2018

4,254 patient visits
34 outreach events
5 partner schools in Washington, DC
10,835 students reached with health education initiatives

The RMHCDC Family

A small staff of 32 full and part-time employees serve families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
Branding Guide

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Hashtags and Social Media

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#forRMHC

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