



RONALD McDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

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Mission:

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga is to provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children and support programs that improve the health, education, and well-being of children.

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Fact Sheet

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga

WHAT IS RMHC?

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities operates three core programs which are: the 26-bedroom Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Room located inside T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, a dental clinic on wheels providing free full service dental care to at risk children. Ronald McDonald House Charities also offers \$1,000 scholarships to 40 area high schools' seniors each year.

WHAT IS CHATTANOOGA'S RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE?

- The Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children who are undergoing inpatient and outpatient treatment at Chattanooga hospitals and cancer patients being treated in T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital Oncology Clinic or the Chattanooga Tumor Clinic.
- The House can accommodate 26 families nightly and serves approximately 600 families annually. Many families stay for an average of 13 days.
- The House offers families their own individual rooms and shared spaces including a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, a stocked pantry, computer lab, laundry facilities and play areas. It also includes dedicated housing for pediatric oncology patients and their families.
- We ask families to pay \$10 a night to stay at the House; however, no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Most families are struggling financially and often stay for several months to over a year. (*Actual cost to house a family for a night: \$55.*)
- There are 270 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide in 30 countries spanning 4 continents. Chattanooga is home to the 137th Ronald McDonald House.

WHO STAYS AT THE HOUSE?

- Out-of-town families and their children, who are being treated at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital at Erlanger or Siskin Hospital in Chattanooga are eligible to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.
- Most families come from Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.
- Children whose families stay at the House all have serious or chronic illnesses. Some examples include: leukemia and other cancers, heart conditions, crania-facial injuries and premature conditions.

FUNDING

- Funding primarily comes from individuals, corporations and foundations with between 15 percent and 20 percent contributed by local McDonald's owners/operators through in-store canister donations and promotions.
- More than 500 volunteers donate approximately 30,000 hours of their time each year.