



Keeping Families Close®

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Oklahoma City

BE THE KEY TO OPENING DOORS AND FINDING HOPE

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Oklahoma City has provided invaluable support to parents of sick children for over 30 years.

When families receive comprehensive care, parents can focus on the health of their child and the well-being of their family, lessening the emotional, financial and physical impact a child's illness can have on the entire family.

We currently offer overnight guest rooms to 28 families and provide respite care at or near The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center.

Despite geographic proximity to The Children's Hospital, we serve families receiving treatment at other area hospitals including: Mercy Hospital, INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center and The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital. And, as these area hospitals grow and continue to add pediatric-related specialties, the demand for our services also increases.



More families need our support

Our House needs to grow in order to help the increasing number of families coming to Oklahoma City for medical treatment. Our Board of Directors has approved an expansion to give strength and hope to even more families.

A Ronald McDonald House® in northwest Oklahoma City will feature:

- 34,000 square feet, four stories
- Three extended stay suites
- Total of 36 guest rooms
- Inviting playground with splash pad and two story outdoor slide
- The Beacon of Hope for hospitalized children and their families
- Program access to more families

The Need to Grow

The number of families needing a place to stay for medical services will continue to grow over the next five to 10 years. As more and more pediatric specialists are recruited to practice in Oklahoma City and rural hospitals reduce services or close, more families are traveling to Oklahoma City to seek the best care for their children.

The distance and drive time between our existing Ronald McDonald House and our three additional partner hospitals discourages families from using our services. This coupled with the lack of overall capacity means even more families are going unserved and under supported.

Current RMH to:	Miles	Avg. Drive Time
Mercy Hospital	18	30 minutes
The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital	13	27 minutes
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center	10	22 minutes

Being close to their hospitalized child is a critical factor in a parent's decision to leave their child's side for self care

Ronald McDonald House allows families to access the best medical care

Families save an estimated \$75 a day by staying at RMHC-OKC



Every expecting family hopes to leave the hospital peacefully. But, for many whose babies must remain in the care of a NICU, the emotional distress of a child's health is often accompanied by the uncertainty of where to stay. With a Ronald McDonald House near Mercy, patients' families would be given a "home-away-from-home" and compassionate emotional support at no cost. When these burdens are removed, families can focus on bonding with their babies, and eventually getting to that picture-perfect day when they do take their healthy baby home.

-Jim Gebhart, Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City
President & Regional Strategy Officer



Riff & Kipton Davis

Elk City, OK

Riff and Kipton were born 26 weeks premature on May 28, 2017, in Elk City, Oklahoma. Both boys were immediately medi-flighted to Oklahoma City. Each had a brain bleed and needed heart surgery.

The Davis family stayed 128 days at the Ronald McDonald House to be near Riff and Kipton while they received treatment before going home.

The Davis family takes frequent trips to Oklahoma City to check in with their specialists. Kipton is still on oxygen and will need surgery to repair his umbilical hernia in the future.

Currently, Riff and Kipton are enjoying being home with their family.



"Without the Ronald McDonald House, I could not have spent every day with my children. I was very involved in their healthcare plan, which would have been hard to do over the phone living two hours away."

"I didn't feel like I was leaving my boys. The House helped me keep my sanity along with my emotional and physical bond with my babies. All are so important in their development, which helped them get better."

"I know there's a waitlist. I wish you had more rooms to help more families."

Randal Davis
Mother of Riff & Kipton Davis



Open A Door of Support

Often families with a hospitalized child feel isolated and extremely stressed. These feelings can extend long after they return home.

As families rally to meet the needs of their children, the Ronald McDonald House unlocks a system of support with the security and comfort of home and the love and understanding of a community.

Being nearby
helps children
and families cope
better

RMHC-OKC
welcomes siblings
and extended
family members
to keep families
together

Families leave with
a support network
beyond their stay



It's a helpless feeling to watch someone you love, especially a child, go through a medical crisis. You can feel powerless, like you have no control. Sometimes just "being there" is all you can do. Having access to a Ronald McDonald House would be beneficial for our families facing lengthy hospital stays. Hotel and food expenses can quickly add up and the feeling of being displaced can also take its toll. Being able to provide our families a reassuring home-like environment at a Ronald McDonald House, would allow them to worry less about extraneous things and focus fully and completely on what matters most - their child.

-Tim Johnsen, INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center

Aspyn Randall

Ponca City, OK

Aspyn Randall was born May 1, 2017. During the newborn checkups, the doctor noticed Aspyn's health was struggling and was immediately medi-flighted to The Children's Hospital for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Randall family was soon told that Aspyn's conditions were terminal. She was diagnosed with Lissencephaly, a rare gene-linked brain malformation; Grin1 Genetic Mutation; and Chronic Lung Disease.

The Randall family stayed 112 days at the Ronald McDonald House to stay close to Aspyn before being able to take her home.

Aspyn has a big team of specialists that care for her regularly from INTEGRIS Children's at Baptist Medical Center, The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center and Pediatric ENT of Oklahoma.



"It was extremely important to me to keep our family together, and the Ronald McDonald House allowed us to keep our kids involved in Aspyn's care."

"My children have seen some scary stuff. I'm thankful to have had a place to go that allowed us all to be together and kept life as normal as possible."

Jamie Randall
Mother of Aspyn
Randall

"Aspyn has been admitted three times to INTEGRIS' NICU since initially being released. The Ronald McDonald House is available to us when we stay at INTEGRIS Children's, but we do not want to be that far away from our daughter."

Kevin Randall
Father of Aspyn Randall



Open A Door of Strength

Through a network of care from the House to the hospital, the Ronald McDonald House fortifies a families' ability to cope.

When their child is in the hospital, families can experience high levels of anxiety, stress and sometimes self-blame. Staying at a Ronald McDonald House gives families the strength to keep going and be fully present every day for their hospitalized child.

Families receive
compassionate
family-centered
care

Families report
higher satisfaction
at partner
hospitals

Patients benefit
from the emotional
support of having
their families
nearby



Anytime a child is in the hospital, there is an amount of stress associated with the situation. Having a Ronald McDonald House to provide local lodging with compassionate staff along with other families, who are going through similar experiences, can be beneficial. It allows for emotional support and peer-to-peer bonding with others who understand their circumstances.

-Albert Gray, The Children's Center
Rehabilitation Hospital CEO

Daron Murphy

Altus, OK

Daron Murphy was eight-years-old on November 27, 2017, when his family was in a car accident. He was quickly mediflighted from Jackson County Memorial Hospital to Oklahoma City for severe abdominal trauma, a broken backbone and a spinal cord injury.

The Murphy family stayed 45 days with Ronald McDonald House Charities Oklahoma City while Daron received treatment before he was transferred to The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital.

For 151 days at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, Daron worked hard during therapy with the goal of going home.

Today, Daron enjoys being home with his whole family including his nine pets, going to the ball field to watch his brother play baseball and laughing at his little sister's playful antics.



"There's not a book written for this. When you end up in this situation, you don't know how to navigate. If it weren't for the support from the Ronald McDonald House, we would've been lost."

"Daron stayed long-term at The Children's Center. Without the ability to stay somewhere, there's no way we'd be able to afford to see Daron on the weekends."

"Being able to visit Daron during his rehabilitation greatly increased his improvement rate. We gave him the support he needed to maintain a positive attitude to keep improving and fighting to get better so he could come home."

Derry Murphy
Father of Daron Murphy



Your gift is the key to Opening Doors and Finding Hope

Site Plan Legend

- 1 main entry
- 2 front porch
- 3 playground
- 4 back porch
- 5 splash pad
- 6 future expansion
- 7 the beacon



Oklahomans are always willing to lend a hand and help each other in a crisis. So many families go unsupported through a medical crisis every day. We can give families the resources, support and strength needed to cope during an extremely difficult situation while their child is hospitalized.

- John P. Lopez, Cabinet Chair

You have the key to **OPENING DOORS** and **FINDING HOPE**

We're reaching
out to the
community for
help


\$8.8 million is
needed to fund
the new Ronald
McDonald
House


Your gift will
open doors for
families in need
of hope



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