



When Home Is Far Away and Hope Feels Further...

When a child is very sick, it affects the whole family. Sometimes, the best hospital is far from home. Parents may need to quit working, and families can be apart for weeks or months. Paying for food, travel, and a place to stay is hard, especially while worrying about a child's health.

Without help, families must choose between staying near their child or covering basic needs. This can make it harder for kids to get the care they need.



... You Bring Comfort, Community, and Hope to Families in Crisis



Thanks to your support, Ronald McDonald House gives families a free place to stay near the hospital. They also get meals and support from staff, volunteers, and other families who understand what they're going through. It's more than just a place to sleep. It's a home full of comfort and care.

Why Now?

More families are coming to Seattle Children's Hospital, and many need to stay longer because their child's illness is serious. Medical costs are increasing, and families are struggling. That's why support for housing, meals, and essentials is more important than ever. Your help makes a difference.

The Impact

Each night, the Seattle Ronald McDonald House gives 105 families a safe, caring place to stay, just steps from their child's hospital bed.

In 2024, families stayed over 35,000 nights at the House. Some stayed a few days, others for months. No matter how long, they didn't have to worry about hotel bills, cooking, or laundry because everything they needed was here at the House.

"The Ronald McDonald House provides a safety net for us. The services, the staff, the volunteers give us a cocoon of support and allows me to concentrate solely on my daughter's health,"

— Darlene, Brystal's Mom

Because of you, last year:

- **578 families** had a safe place to stay
- **52,000 dinners** were shared
- **21,508 volunteer hours** helped families feel cared for



Your Generosity Powers it All

Be the Reason Why Families Stay Strong

Choose where your support can have the most impact. These four core areas meet families' most urgent needs when they are far from home.

The Family Comfort Fund

You can help give families everything they need during a medical crisis: private rooms, laundry, and essentials. Many arrive overwhelmed, unsure how they'll manage. But after supporting thousands of families for the last 40 years, the Ronald McDonald House knows how to meet them with comfort and care.

On average, a family stays 49 nights.

49 nights of a place to call home and people who understand. It would cost families thousands of dollars to stay elsewhere, but at the Ronald McDonald House, they receive it all at no cost—because of donors like you.

"We were at the House for over 14 months during Sophie's transplant. The Ronald McDonald House anticipated our needs and supported us every step of the way. It meant the world."

— Kate, mom of Sophie



Your support doesn't just help families get the medical care their child needs. It also gives them comfort, hope, and the strength to keep going during the most challenging times.

The Family Nourishment Fund

Your gift makes sure families have healthy, homemade meals and a stocked pantry. During a crisis, it's hard for parents to think about shopping or cooking.

At Ronald McDonald House, shared meals give families more than just food—they bring comfort and a chance to connect with others who understand. Thanks to donors like you, families feel supported when they need it most.

"After a long day at the hospital, it means so much to sit down with our family and not worry about cooking."

— The Dahl Family



The Family Emergency Fund

We never want a family at Ronald McDonald House to face a crisis alone. When a child gets very sick, everything can change in a moment.

The Family Emergency Fund helps us step in quickly when families need urgent help—like paying for travel, moving, or even funeral costs.

Your gift brings comfort, care, and hope when families need it the most.



"Every family's need is different. Sometimes it's cab fare, sometimes it's a hotel room, sometimes it's something no one could have planned for. This fund gives us the flexibility to meet those needs with compassion and respect."

— Kaarin Stowell, Director of Operations

The Family Well-being Fund

The Family Well-being Fund brings joy to families staying at Ronald McDonald House, even during a medical crisis. While families focus on treatment, this fund gives them a chance to have fun and spend time together, like at House celebrations, holiday events, and other special activities.

These moments remind families they're not alone, and that joy still has a place, even on the hardest days.

"By giving to the Family Wellbeing Fund, you help us create special moments that outshine the challenges our families face. A movie night or a summer concert in the courtyard bring smiles to children's faces. These small moments help families feel connected and cared for, even in the middle of something really hard."

— Annie Engelker, Volunteer Services and Family Programs Manager



Let's Surround These Families With Love

Every family's story is different, but they all need the same thing: support when it matters most.

Thank you for being part of that support. With your help, we're not just offering shelter; we're surrounding families with care, dignity, and love.

Let's keep showing up for them, together.