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Greetings!

What a year we've had!

Despite being in a pandemic, we continued to move our mission forward so families could have all the comforts of home -- even when they can't be.

With guidance from our RMHC Global Team, local RMHC Board, and partner hospitals, we safely increased capacity and reinstated volunteer programs at the Ronald McDonald House, reopened the Ronald McDonald Family Room to families in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sunrise Children's Hospital, and provided more than 1,200 children with dental services aboard the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

This is the difference you helped make in 2021!

Whether you made a financial contribution, supported families as a volunteer, attended an event, donated items, or championed our mission in your community, **you made it possible for families to rely on us to stay close to their sick child.**

We couldn't start another year of serving families in medical crisis without thanking you -- our special supporters!

In this issue of *Notes from Home,* you'll see we are starting the year off with a bang!

Read on to learn more about our efforts to make room for more families with hospitalized children *(Spoiler Alert: We're building a second house!)*, our Annual Food Drive, and much more.

Here's to 2022!

With loving appreciation,

Alyson McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer

Home for Now
Hope for Tomorrow
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas

You read that right! We are building a second house to serve more families in need of a comforting and supportive place to stay.

More families walking through our doors are staying with us several weeks if not months at a time, and we have always had plans to give families, like these, a place to call their own during an extended stay.

For the past year, we worked with ***Grand Canyon Development Partners***, ***NOVUS Architecture + Interiors***, and ***Builders United*** to help fulfill this dream, and in December, we announced this exciting project to the public.

Check out the recap below, and stay connected with our progress by visiting our website!

Learn More About Our Capital Campaign

851 Nights at The House That Love Built

Our longtime supporters may remember Lillian, who first came to the Ronald McDonald House with her father, Tezera, almost ten years ago.

When she was misdiagnosed in her home country of Ethiopia, her father sought a second opinion in

the United States, where she was
found to have leukemia. Though no plans were made for a long-term stay, they called the Ronald McDonald House home for more than two years during Lillian's treatment!

The family made a surprise visit last month, and needless to say, everyone laughed with delight and cried with joy on this special reunion. Even at four years old, Lillian has fond memories of the Ronald McDonald House.

We were so glad to be here for them when they needed it most, and when the second House That Love Built comes to fruition, we will be better equipped to serve more families, like Lillian's, during an extended stay.

Fill the Pantry for Our Families!

It's that time of year again to fill the pantry for our families!

Our goal at the Ronald McDonald House is to make sure families can fully focus on the recovery of their child, including not having to worry about where or what they are going to eat. You can help us meet that goal by supporting our **Fill the Pantry Food Drive on February 5th at all Smith's**

Food and Drug locations in the Las Vegas valley.

Whether you plan to pick up a few wish list items on the day of the food drive or shop from the comforts of your home, the families staying with us will benefit greatly from your generosity.

Help Fill the Pantry for Families

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: We are still looking for volunteers to assist at stores in the east and north parts of town. If you are able to help hand out wish lists and collect donations, please contact Volunteer Manager, Christine Fernandez, at christine@rmhlv.org.

COVID-19 Update

Each Ronald McDonald House in our system is independently operated with guidance from our RMHC Global Team.

At RMHC of Greater Las Vegas, we work directly with our hospital partners and health district to monitor the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic at a local level to ensure that our policies offer as much protection as possible to the families we serve.

We humbly serve all families in need of a "home away from home" during their child's medical treatment in Las Vegas, regardless of vaccination status.

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