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Making Room for More Families

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Keeping Families Close®

Believing that every child deserves a comfortable and supportive place to grow, Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Greater Las Vegas creates and supports programs that directly improve the health, education and well-being of children in our community. We fulfill our mission by providing a temporary "home away from home" at the Ronald McDonald House® for families who travel to Las Vegas to receive critical medical treatment for their children, and we manage programs that serve the immediate needs of children and families in our own community and beyond.

"Panic hit me like a ton of bricks," says Shondale Myers.

Shondale was life-flighted to Sunrise Children's Hospital in Las Vegas, where a doctor braced her for the worst, "Babies as young and small as hers rarely survive."

Grace weighed just one pound, nine ounces. Shondale knew her precious baby girl might not even make it through the night. And if she did, there would be tremendous challenges in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Home was an hour and a half each way, and a motel was out of the question with mounting medical bills and raising their 11-year-old son Christion.

Her thoughts began to go all over the place. Where would their family stay while they were in Las Vegas? Who could help them?

Ronald McDonald House!

Everyday, we see the physical, emotional, and financial strain that having a sick or critically injured child can do to a family. These families walk through our doors with the weight of the world on their shoulders. Many have gone days without sleep or a regular meal.

At the Ronald McDonald House, we offer families a private, peaceful and comfortable place to sleep, have a bite to eat, and prepare for a new day.

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Project Overview

Our **Home for Now Hope for Tomorrow** campaign is making it possible for us to build a second Ronald McDonald House! This new home is a place where families and their children can seek refuge, respite, and community while they go through one of the toughest times of their lives.

The Gift of Land

In December 2020, John Paul Kernahan, in honor of Michael Linsk, generously donated an acre of land, located just around the corner, from our existing House, on O'Bannon Street. RMHC broke ground in December of 2022, and construction is now more than 90% complete, with a grand opening scheduled for June of 2024.

The Ronald McDonald House at O'Bannon

The new one-story home will consist of independent family spaces on the donated property. The building, once completed, will provide long-term housing for up to eight families at a time. The facility will include independent living units, a play area, courtyard, private parking, and an office for RMHC staff.

The project will increase our capacity by 67 percent to serve up to 188 more families each year. Even more important, it will provide a longer-term, temporary home to families and children experiencing a medical crisis.

Together, we can provide them with a Home for Now Hope for Tomorrow.

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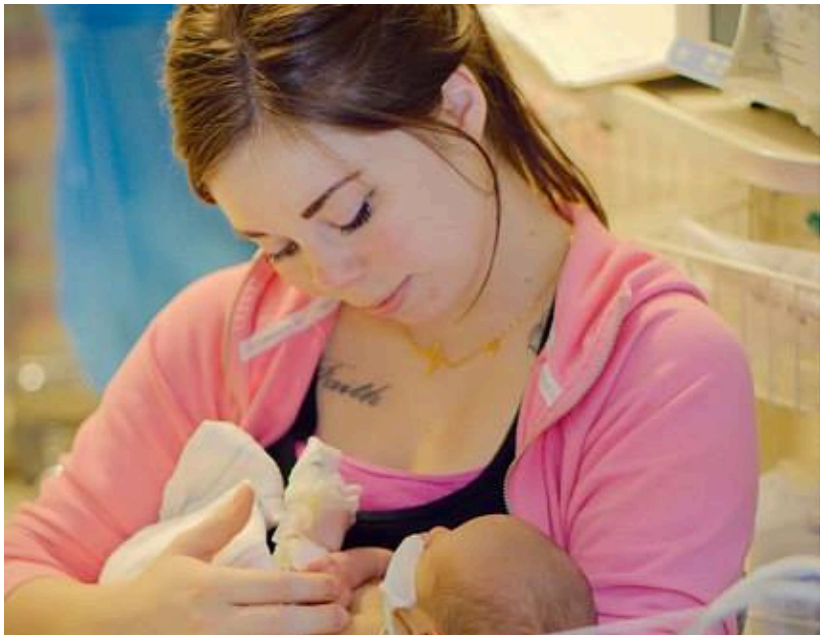
Over the past few years, an increasing number of families who come to us have lengthy stays that require them to live in Las Vegas while their child is in the hospital. Some of those families have lost their houses and jobs back home due to the financial strain and extended time away from work.

The critical illness or injury of their child is often the final blow to their already shaky financial foundation, making their survival as an intact family even more uncertain. Research reveals this stress is not good for a family, but it can be especially counterproductive, even harmful, to the health of a recovering child.



With your support, we will be able to offer them the stability they need by providing an independent space they can call home for now during their extended periods of stay at the Ronald McDonald House and give them strength and hope for tomorrow.

WHY FAMILIES NEED THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

- **The Ronald McDonald House is the only program of its kind in Las Vegas.**
- **Nearly 70% of families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House come from low-to-moderate income households.**
- **More than one in three family stays are longer than a month. The longest family stay was two years, three months, and 28 days.**

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House Highlights

- Eight independent family spaces with outdoor patios
- Up to 2,920 nights of lodging per year serving 188 additional families
- Gathering spaces that create community and connection between families
- Outdoor play area for all ages
- Welcoming family check-in lounge
- Large multi-purpose room for activities and relaxation
- Peaceful central courtyard
- Outdoor seating and grill areas

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Opportunities to Give

Our vision is to become the premier children's charity in Southern Nevada – focusing on family-centered care and linking families to the immediate and vital medical and social resources their children need to heal, grow, learn, and lead. This campaign is just the beginning of the next decade of growth for RMHC of Greater Las Vegas.

You can help us grow in many ways. Your gift to the Home for Now Hope for Tomorrow campaign will ensure that families with sick or injured children can have the support they need while their children are receiving life-saving medical care.

To donate or for more information on opportunities to give, please contact Jacqueline Cruz, Chief Development Officer, at (702) 252-4663 x2225 or via e-mail at jacqueline@rmhlv.org.

Naming Opportunities

You can support our work by making a contribution to our **$5.6 million** campaign.

- $250,000+ Campus Lane
- $100,000 Outdoor Family Entry
- $50,000 Family Picnic Area
- $50,000 Reception Donor Wall
- $25,000 Interior Family Living Room (3 avail.)
- $10,000 Courtyard Tree (1 avail.)
- $5,000 Stone Paver Recognition in Courtyard
- $2,500 Shared Stone Paver Recognition
- $1,000 Donor Wall Recognition

- $500,000 Central Courtyard
- $250,000 Children's Playground
- $250,000 Family Park Area
- $100,000 Multi-Purpose Room
- $100,000 Basketball Court
- $100,000 Golden Arches Courtyard
- $100,000 Front Entry
- $50,000 Family Lounge
- $50,000 Exterior of Family Homes

SOLD

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