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We acknowledge that Ronald McDonald House - Saskatchewan is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Metis. The Treaties shape the relationship and responsibilities for people sharing the land for the benefit of all.

RMHC-SK is committed to reconciliation through education and action, and we are grateful to play a part in ensuring that all families in Treaty Territories 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 receive the support they require when caring for a sick child.



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October 15, 2024 marked the 50th Anniversary of Ronald McDonald Charities worldwide. An amazing milestone of supporting families around the globe.

In July of this year, several of the RMHC – SK team traveled to Chicago for the RMHC Global International conference in celebration of the milestone 50th Anniversary event. Over 1,700 delegates from around the world traveled to Chicago to celebrate the journey of serving families globally, recognizing the legacy of Dr. Audrey Evans, founder of Ronald McDonald House, Philadelphia and the first House in the global system opening in 1974.

Included in the conference itinerary was the opportunity to attend the private screening of the Hollywood movie Audrey's Children, which was a critical reminder of the origin of this global mission. Dr. Audrey Evans' vision to build a place to accommodate and support families is significant to be told and reminded of, as we serve families here in Saskatchewan and continue to grow province-wide.

Ronald McDonald House started as a critical support service for families, by a doctor who saw first-hand what would have a significant impact on outcomes for children – Keeping Families Close® and providing a place for families to lay their heads during days of uncertainty.





The impact this place has on the medical journey of families and their children should never be overlooked, underplayed or taken for granted.

Each day, when volunteers and staff greet families, we are working as a community to make someone's day a little bit brighter and hopefully a little lighter. The support and care provided by this community that wraps their arms around each family served, is a bright light in perhaps the hardest and darkest days these families will experience.

Dr. Audrey Evans had a vision and a dream; 50 years later we are here, continuing to serve in a way that is truly a gift to families in this province.

This year we celebrate 50 years of RMHC Global.

Next year we will celebrate 40 years of RMHC-SK and in 2026 we will bring additional support services to families in Northern and Southern Saskatchewan, with the building of two new Houses.

We have embarked on a journey to double our footprint and capacity, which in turn doubles the impact we can have on families across our province. Your support to build a 20-room House in Regina and a 12-room House in Prince Albert will enable us to blanket the province with care.

We are truly grateful that this vision was cast 50 years ago. We are part of an amazing, family-focused, grassroots, community-minded, healthcare support system. Thank you for taking the journey with us!

-Tammy Forrester, CEO











The Stahl Family



210 nights and counting

Ruthilda, SK

Anytime we come close to the Ronald McDonald House, Marilee gets all excited and begs to go to the House.

Marilee was born to Andy & Kristi and lives in Ruthilda, Saskatchewan with her four siblings, Tydus, Zackary, Emily and Noah. Marilee was born with a heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot and severe pulmonary stenosis. She has been diagnosed with Beaulieu-Boycott-Innes syndrome, and quite a few other health issues.

When Marilee was 5 days old she was airlifted to Edmonton, Alberta for her first open heart surgery at 10 days old. Many complications and other health issues have resulted in lots of hospital stays for us. We spent 8 months in the Ronald McDonald House in the first year of her life.



"A place where we feel understood and are always welcomed. A place where we can unwind after a long day at the hospital, a place like no other."

- Kristi Stahl





The Ronald McDonald House has a special place in our hearts. Anytime we drive to the city, our kids beg to visit the House. A place where we feel understood and are always welcomed. A place where we can unwind after a long day at the hospital, a place like no other.

The staff and volunteers go above and beyond to make you feel welcome, and the hard work they put into keeping the House a happy place for the families that stay. They are truly amazing angels.

We've formed some special friendships with families that are walking a similar path, friends that we would never have met otherwise.

We never knew what the Ronald McDonald House was before Marilee was born, but now, it's the most special place in our home and our hearts.

> Kristi & Andy Stahl live in Ruthilda, Saskatchewan, and are active members of the Springwater Hutterite Colony.



YEAR IN REVIEW

2023



RMHC-SK
Average Family
Stay
Nights

19,150

Lunches Prepared





RMHC-SK Top Diagnosis

Neonatal

Followed closely by Neurology

Longest Family stay



188Nights

1,517

Families Supported





The Ronald McDonald House

Family Room Prince Albert



Celebrating 8 Years!

In September 2016, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC-SK) opened its first Ronald McDonald Family Room in the Pediatric Unit of Prince Albert's Victoria Hospital. This 1,300-square-foot haven offered families in northern Saskatchewan a comforting space to rest, recharge, and find support while staying close to their children receiving medical care. Since its opening, The Family Room has provided more than just basic amenities—it has become a true extension of Family-Centered Care.

Over the past eight years, this Family Room has supported thousands of families, delivering comfort and stability during challenging times. One of those families was Adam Pearson's. Adam, a father of triplets, was present at the ribbon cutting of the Family Room in 2016. Today, he serves as the Director of Maternal & Children's Provincial Programs North, witnessing firsthand the continued positive impact of the space on families and the pediatric healthcare community.

The success of The Family Room is a testament to the strong collaboration between RMHC-SK and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). This partnership has cultivated an approach to healthcare that prioritizes family well-being. Looking to the future, the SHA will welcome a new and expanded Ronald McDonald Family Room as part of the redevelopment of the Victoria Hospital. This new space, in coordination with the

new Ronald McDonald House being built in Prince Albert, will ensure that families from all pediatric units and from all across northern Saskatchewan will have access to essential support services, regardless of their situation.

As we celebrate eight years of wrap-around support, we are reminded of the thousands of families who have found relief, warmth, and community in The Family Room. RMHC-SK and SHA remain dedicated to ensuring that healthcare experiences are rooted in family-centered care, providing comfort, compassion, and a sense of home when families need it most.

"When our children were in the NICU my family didn't have access to a resource like The Family Room in Prince Albert. We struggled at times having to navigate the highs and lows of the triplets care journey in a public space. Now, in my professional role, I see every day how The Family Room supports families physically, emotionally and mentally. It's more than just a room, it's a lifeline."

Adam Pearson Director - Maternal & Children's Provincial Programs North Prince Albert



The Family Room 2023



NICU Hospitality
Cart served

Part Served

Part Served



412Breakfasts
Served

1,416
Grab & Go
Snack Bags



Delivered NI 2,070 NI Mo



Cost of Groceries







"A family with a sick child, is a sick family"

- Dr. Audrey Evans

As our founder, Dr. Audrey Evans said "A family with a sick child, is a sick family"- and we know that in order to support your loved ones, you require both physical and mental strength.

Through generous Community Partnerships we are able to support Family-Centered Care with our in-House programming. Each program is designed to foster connection, alleviate stress, and promote mental and physical wellness for those participating. These four featured programs are offered in partnership with community organizations and businesses to provide connection, comfort, and relief.

Family Connections and Around the Coffee Table

'Family Connections' and 'Around the Coffee Table' programs offer families a chance to gather, share their experiences, and find emotional support. Whether connecting with a youth counselor or a social work student, caregivers can decompress and discuss their day in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Families are able to find support in building emotional resilience, their parenting strategies while reducing feelings of isolation and enhancing their emotional well-being.

"We are not just a place to stay, we are a community dedicated to caring for the well-being of the whole family"

> Tosin Lomowu Family Service and Programs Manager

KidsCare

In Partnership with a local Early Learning Centre, families have access to free, professional and onsite childcare. This program allows caregivers to leave their other children in a safe and engaging environment while they take time for themselves to rest, enjoy a quiet meal alone, reconnect with their partner, or spend one-on-one time with their child at the hospital. This much-needed break enhances their ability to return to their caregiving roles with renewed energy and peace of mind.

Massage Therapy

After seeing the impact of RMHC on a family member, a local massage therapy clinic came forward to offer discounted off-site massages, and free monthly in-House massages for families who feel more comfortable in a familiar environment. Families have shared their appreciation numerous times, as these opportunities have provided them with a chance to unwind, release built-up tension and relax.

By prioritizing mental and physical wellness, we ensure that every family member—whether they are caring for a loved one or navigating their own emotions—gets the care they need to face the challenges ahead.

The House 2023













Nurturing families with care & comfort

At Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC-SK) Saskatchewan, we understand that when families face challenging medical situations, their most pressing concerns should be about their child's well-being, not where their next meal will come from. That's where our Food Programs team steps in, offering not just meals, but also comfort, community, and care.

Each meal is thoughtfully prepared to meet the diverse needs of the families we serve. From home-cooked dinners to grab-and-go snacks, we provide a variety of options to suit preferences and dietary restrictions. The focus is on fresh ingredients, balanced meals, and the comforting flavours of home, things that are often hard to find when families are away from their own kitchens.

One of our flagship initiatives is the *Home for Dinner* program, where volunteer groups prepare and serve dinner for the families staying at the House. This program allows families to come together over a shared meal, offering a moment of relief and connection during stressful days. The communal dinners help create a warm, familial atmosphere, giving guests the opportunity to interact and support each other.

A cornerstone of our Food Programs is the involvement of volunteers. This program would not be possible without their contribution. Every meal served in the House and Family Room is a testament to the kindness of the local community. Volunteers from all backgrounds—individuals, families, and corporate groups—generously donate their time and cooking talents to prepare meals for our guests.

From whipping up a hearty soup or baking a batch of cookies, each contribution makes a difference. This community-driven effort not only nourishes families but also fosters a sense of belonging.

"Together we ensure that no family has to worry about food while focusing on what truly matters: their child's health and well-being."

> -César Roblin, RMHC-SK Food Programs Manager

In addition, we host special meals throughout the year, ranging from holiday feasts to themed dinners, where the families can take part in celebrations that feel just like home. These events bring joy and warmth into the House, reminding families that they are not alone in their journey.



\$115,751.80







Volunteers

Make all the difference

RMHC-SK values the contribution that volunteers make to the experience of all family stays. Volunteers assist in creating a safe and comfortable environment and add to our diverse collection of skills, experiences, culture, and knowledge. They play an important part in ensuring families' day-to-day needs are met by supporting programming that prioritizes the well-being of all members of the family.

We are grateful for individuals who choose to share their time volunteering with us, knowing their support is impacting the lives of so many families. As one of our long-time volunteers, (of 42 years!) Dolly Russell says, "I am lucky and proud to have been involved in only a small way with this wonderful House that so many families have needed in a very stressful time in their lives."

No matter how long a volunteer has been with the organization, whether new or experienced, our volunteers bring diverse, meaningful and personal experiences that build the capacity of the organization —individuals from all walks of life and cultures, which contributes to the strength of our organization as a whole. Families have diverse needs, and our volunteers are critical in helping us meet them.

RMHC-SK Family shares: "Having a 'home away from home' is crucial when going through such substantial medical treatments, and RMHC helped provide that reassurance. Beyond just a physical space, RMHC also offers emotional and practical support. The staff and volunteers understand the unique needs and challenges families face during chemotherapy. They provide a compassionate and understanding presence, offering a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on. We are forever grateful to the whole team members and everyone involved in the organization including volunteers and sponsors."

Our volunteer needs will be increasing in the coming years as we expand throughout the province.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a team of volunteers who are dedicated to supporting families in some of the most difficult days, in Prince Albert or Regina, it's not too soon to express your interest!

If you are interested in volunteering, scan here!







Signature Event



Red Jacket Classic



The 2024 golf season wrapped up on August 26 when we hosted our last of four Red Jacket Classic golf tournaments, at the Royal Regina Golf Club.



A successful summer on all accounts as, with the help of our golf community, we raised over \$230,000!



The series kicked off at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club with our Ladies' event in late June. The theme this year was Disney and our participants did not disappoint! We then headed to the Dakota Dunes for our sold-out Saskatoon mixed event. We had a calm and beautiful day on the Links, which is uncommon for the Dunes! Our next stop was Cooke Municipal Golf Course in Prince Albert where, again, the weather was in our favour, the dragonflies kept the mosquitoes away, and we were visited by wildlife. Our final event took place in Regina with another sold-out tournament. We had a perfect day on the course and ended our series with a heartfelt family story from the Flaterud family.



The support we receive running these events throughout the summer is so important to the operations of the House. They allow us to keep costs down for families, while at the same time, sharing stories of hope and gratitude with our supporters - understanding the need is imperative to our mission.





2025 **SAVE THE DATES**

Ladies Classic June 23 **Saskatoon Classic** July 7 **Prince Albert Classic** August 7 **Regina Classic** August 25

"This was a wonderful event and really opened my eyes to the positive impact RMHC has in our communities for families. Looking forward to seeing and participating in future events! Keep up the incredible work!"

- Regina attendant



Rob and Nora Rongve from North Battleford, SK, began their journey with Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan, when Rob's RBC Dominion team came to the House to provide a Home for Dinner meal for the families.

Since that time, Rob & Nora have cooked multiple meals, and have joined the Adopt-A-Room Program, as a major donor. This program financially supports the operations which in turn supports the well-being of families who stay at RMHC-SK.

Family is everything to Rob & Nora.



7,394



Home for Dinner meals were served in 2023!





Ways to

Donate



"Thanks to the support of the community, we have lived the benefit of Keeping Families Close® through staying at Ronald McDonald House Saskatoon."

- The Williamson Family



WISHLIST

Donations of items from our Wishlist help RMHC-SK keep costs low so we can continue to provide a home-like environment for Saskatchewan families in both the Saskatoon House and the Prince Albert Family Room.

Typical Wishlist items include: gift cards for groceries, baking supplies, toiletries, crafts & recreation materials and holiday and special event gifts. These items go a long way in helping to support families and make them feel at home. The Wishlist is updated regularly on our website (rmh.sk.ca) and social media pages.

GIFT IN YOUR WILL

One of the most important choices you can make during your lifetime is the long-lasting impact you wish to leave on others. A gift in your Will allows you to make a larger and more lasting gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan.

For more information on how to leave a gift to RMHC-SK please contact: Karen Linsley

Director of Development & Communications klinsley@rmh.sk.ca

HOME FOR DINNER

The Home for Dinner program is a wonderful gift for families, providing not only a nutritious meal, but also kindness and support during difficult times. This group volunteer activity plays a significant role in creating a warm and comfortable environment for families.

Volunteers have the opportunity to act as ambassadors of the House as they work closely with our team to provide meals for our guests. We are so grateful for every person that helps make our Home for Dinners possible. For more information contact Cesar Roblin at foodprograms@rmh.sk.ca

RECYCLING

We have a Sarcan "Drop & Go" account, where you can drop off your recycling at Sarcan in the Drop & Go area!

- 1. Search for Ronald McDonald House at the Drop & Go Station.
- 2. Print the labels for your bags, and the money will be automatically deposited to RMHC-SK.

For more information or for ways to donate!









RMHC-SK hosted a wonderful **Summer Solstice Garden Party** on June 21 for our families and staff, with guests from RMHC Houses across Canada, including our head office. The weather was perfect for the occasion!

In addition to it being the summer solstice, we also celebrated

National Indigenous People's

Day.

We were honoured to have Knowledge Keeper Lyndon Linklater join us to share his teachings on the significance of the summer solstice and the importance of the tipi in Cree culture. With help from the crowd, Lyndon led a hands-on tipi-raising demonstration, which was a highlight of the day.

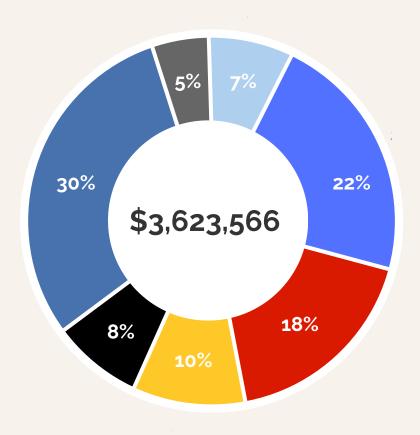
Lyndon's nephew, Bluejay
Linklater, led a traditional song
and a special "happy birthday" to
Lyndon. To add to the celebration,
his wife, Terri Bear, played guitar
and sang while everyone enjoyed
bannock tacos, with the kids
joining in dancing. It was a funfilled day of community, learning
and laughter.





Funding Highlights

- 3rd Party Fundraising
- General Donation
- McDonald's Support
- RMHC-SK Signature Events
- Adopt-A-Room
- Foundations, Memorials, Bequests and Estates
- National Partnerships
 Program





Use of Funds

72% Program Expense

12% Administration

16% Fundraising

Adopt-a-Room





Our Adopt-A-Room donors support covers a portion of the costs associated with operating a room for the families. Through generous contributions committed over three years, this program ensures there is food in the fridge and a wonderful clean place for families to temporarily call "home". Thank you to our Adopt-A-Room families and partners for supporting the families in the House.

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Gerald Bender Audrey Lanager Beverley McBee Eugena (Jean) Petersen Richard Eaton Powley

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