



RMHC Fact Sheet

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Washington supports families with seriously ill children by providing a caring home-away-from-home at the Seattle Ronald McDonald House and by operating a grants program benefiting children's health-related nonprofits in Western Washington and Alaska.

WHAT IS RMHC?

- Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Western Washington is a local charity, supported by local residents and businesses.
- Funding primarily comes from individuals, corporations and foundations with between 15 percent and 20 percent contributed by local McDonald's owners/operators through in-store canister donations and promotions.
- RMHC of Western Washington extends the reach of the House by awarding grants that support other children's health-related nonprofit organizations in Western Washington and Alaska.
- More than 250 volunteers contribute their time and services every month.

WHAT IS THE SEATTLE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE?

- A caring home-away-from-home for families with children being treated at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle.
- It is owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Washington.
- Opened in 1983, it is the second largest House in the world. Worldwide, there are 258 Ronald McDonald House in 28 countries.
- It can accommodate 80 families each night and serves more than 1,500 families annually, providing a vital asset to our region.
- Only one out of five families staying at the House is fully able to pay. We ask families to pay \$20 a night to stay at the House. However, no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. (*Actual cost to house a family for a night: \$79.*)
- The Seattle House includes one of the only dedicated pediatric bone marrow transplant residences located within a Ronald McDonald House in the world.

WHO STAYS AT THE HOUSE?

- Families with children who are being treated at Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center are eligible to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.
- Most families come from Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. All families must live at least 60 miles away. However, we have families from throughout the U.S. and world stay at the House.
- Half of the children who stay at the House are battling cancer.
- Half of the children are under age 5; about 25 percent are between 6 and 12 years; and about 25 percent are teens.

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