Ronald McDonald House at ANMC

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Western Washington & Alaska and the Alaska Native Medical Center will be opening Alaska’s first Ronald McDonald House in early 2017.

### How did this project start?

RMHC® & ANMC have a long-standing partnership, born out of the RMHC Van Program. Since 2008, ANMC has housed the RMHC van which provides vital transport for families coming to Anchorage for medical care.

In 2013, ANMC approached RMHC with an idea. ANMC was building a six-story housing facility to better accommodate families. These out-of-town families were using the van service, but isolated in local motels. ANMC asked RMHC to take over one floor of their new building and turn it into a Ronald McDonald House®, allowing these families to have a home-away-from-home with a strong community during a stressful, medically fragile time.

RMHC of Western Washington & Alaska is excited to open the Ronald McDonald House at ANMC and serve more families than ever before. The new floor will serve expecting mothers with high-risk pregnancies, as well as families with pediatric patients. For updates on the House in Anchorage, visit www.rmhcseattle.org/alaska

### History

Since 1983, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western Washington & Alaska has been serving families of seriously ill children. What originated as a small home for families staying in Seattle for their child’s medical treatment has grown into an 80 room facility, providing more than 28,000 nights of stay annually to families in need of our services. During that time, we have been a home-away-from-home for many Alaskan families. Thanks to the new Ronald McDonald House at ANMC, RMHC will be able to provide housing and services to even more families in Alaska.

### House Features:

- **34 rooms** designed for extended stays
- Volunteer run programs like arts and crafts, game nights and traditional food preparation
- Support for residents like exercise programs, a library, and donated books for each new mother to take home
- Access to amenities in the larger facility, such as a full service cafeteria and a workout room
- Dedicated kitchen in which residents can participate in cooking classes and also prepare food for themselves and their families
- Common areas in which residents can gather for classes and entertainment

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