Let's Build Hope Away from Home Together

We are expanding and we want you to be part of it!

Over the years, you have helped us build a strong community to support families of seriously ill children. While our 80 room House has helped many, as Seattle Children’s has grown, the need for housing has exceeded our capacity.

So, it has been a huge relief to purchase land next to the House and make our dreams of expanding a reality. Construction is underway on an addition to House A, our largest building, and we need your help.

When the project is complete, the Seattle House will offer:
- 25 new residence rooms, allowing us to accommodate up to 105 families per night.
- New common spaces like a dedicated craft room, a quiet space, and lounges.
- An expanded kitchen to feed more families, including new cooking spaces, more seating for families, a larger pantry, and a dedicated volunteer kitchen geared to make cooking for large groups easier.
- A new, relaxing outdoor space with art and gardens.

This is a very exciting time for the House. Because our community is such a vital part of RMHC, we want to invite you to be a part of it.

This project will cost $12 million to complete. Our organization has been able to set aside $6 million for the expansion and we have raised almost $5 million from the community. (cont’d on p. 2)

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In June, 2021, the final phase of our fundraising efforts will start. The “Building Hope Away from Home” campaign has a goal of raising $250,000 and we ask you to join us in this historic project by making a donation. All gifts help us reach our goal of serving more families.

While all gifts are meaningful, there are some special opportunities for donors to be recognized in this campaign. Gifts of $1,000-$4,999 will be included in our donor wall that will be part of the new outdoor space. Gifts of $5,000+ will be part of our new interior donor wall in the Building A lobby.

To give a gift, go to http://www.rmhcseattle.org/buildhope. If you have questions or want to talk more about the project, please contact Heather (heather@rmhcseattle.org) or Vanessa (vanessa@rmhcseattle.org). Thank you for your commitment to families!

Plans are underway for the 33rd Annual RMHC Gala! While some things are still up in the air due to COVID-19, we know two things for certain: the gala will be a wonderful, impactful event and it will help us support families in our new, expanded House.

Please put October 23rd on your calendar and plan to join us. We will keep you updated as the 2021 gala takes shape.
Creativity During COVID-19

Through COVID-19, we have had to figure out how to provide the same level of support to families in new ways. While housing remains our core service, we’ve gotten creative with the delivery of additional support.

Over the years, we have seen food insecurity grow for families at the Houses in Seattle and Anchorage. In Seattle, our pantry has been a great source of support, but when time in the kitchen was limited for families to encourage social distancing, we had to find a new way to make food accessible. Thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers, we now provide daily continental breakfasts, including fresh fruit, eggs sandwiches, pastries and more.

In Anchorage, staff has created a room service program with a menu of items that families can choose from. This creativity has allowed families to get what they need while staying safe during their time at the House.

With fewer volunteers in the House, we have been missing the fun activities they plan and put on. As a replacement, we will soon launch our “Fun From Home” program, allowing families to access private, volunteer provided content online, like craft how-to’s, exercise classes, and concerts. This will be a great way to keep kids and families entertained.

Interested in helping families? Check out the Help from Home section of our website to find ideas for supporting RMHC right now.

Kilts for Kids Brings It Home For Families

The Kilts for Kids - At Home Edition fundraiser was a huge success, bringing in more than $180,000 to support families at the House.

Thank you to all of our amazing participants: Bungie, JJ Kissinger and Andrew Barfoot, Alaska Airlines, Seattle Children’s, Macrina Bakery, and Positive Peeps.

And a heartfelt thanks for each $10 vote. They added up quickly for a big impact at RMHC.
All That Dance and RMHC

All that Dance, a local studio, has been an incredible partner of the House. Over the years, they have come to RMHC to dance with kids every Tuesday evening. The movement, music, and smiles have been something that many families look forward to.

But since last year, we haven’t been able to host them in person. We are very excited they will be part of our ‘Fun from Home’ project, sharing their love of dance virtually. Thank you to the staff and students at All That Dance. We appreciate your commitment and caring!