



2019

ANNUAL REPORT



RMHC<sup>®</sup>  
of Central Illinois





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# OUR MISSION

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois provides programs to support the well-being of children and provides a home away from home for families with children receiving medical care.

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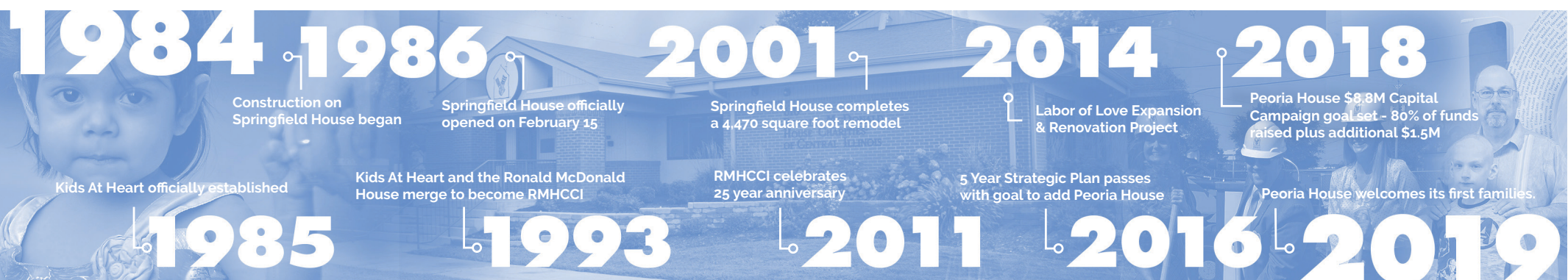


## KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

The Springfield and Peoria Houses are owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI), a local non-profit organization with headquarters in Springfield. RMHCCI operates through a small paid staff and an all-volunteer Board of Directors consisting of local health professionals, McDonald's Owner/Operators and community business and civic leaders. Without RMHC, many families will not have a place to stay while their child is receiving medical care. Anticipated growth of the medical community makes this even more important, with over 90% of children's hospitals in the US partnering with our charity.



### RMHCCI HISTORY





## Thank You, McDonald's!

### 2019 Central Illinois & Peoria/Bloomington Owner/Operators

Gary & Laura Birschbach  
Andy & Chong-In Birschbach  
Paul & Mary Breznay  
Terry & Nadyne Clark  
Ryan Clark  
Brad & Karol Davis  
Marty & Donna Davis  
Kim Derringer  
Wayne & Marsha Jarosh  
Joe & Revella Kasprzyk  
Michael & Breanne Kasprzyk  
Blake & Alison Kosanovich  
Blake & Laura Linders  
Angie & Alan Matlock  
Mike & Juliana McGraw  
Jack & Gail Millan  
Dwight & Alice Miller  
Mikel & Nicole Petro  
Don & Deanna Witzel

*As an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, we extend a special thank you to McDonald's, our Mission Partner and largest corporate donor.*

Portions of the annual operating costs for our Ronald McDonald Houses are graciously funded by Owner/Operators of local McDonald's restaurants through in-store campaigns. The remainder of our annual operating income comes from the generosity of individual, non-profit, memorial, and corporate donors.

We would like to personally thank our McDonald's Owner/Operators of Greater Central Illinois and Peoria/Bloomington for all the support they have given RMHCCI in the past, present and future!

### *More specifically, McDonald's Owner/Operators support us through:*

- *Conducting the annual Give a Little Love fundraiser each February*
- *Partnering with us for promotional and fundraising events*
- *Serving on our Board of Directors*
- *Hosting RMHCCI donation boxes in their restaurants*
- *Donating in-restaurant sales of USA Today and local newspapers*
- *Conducting the National RMHC® fundraiser*

Although McDonald's is our largest corporate donor, no company can solely fund RMHCCI programs and our projected growth. We need the support of the entire community and greatly value any support you can provide to RMHCCI - whether it's through cash donations, your time, or other fundraising efforts.



## 2019 Board of Directors

### Executive Board Members

**Melissa Skinner-Liberman, Chair**  
*Junior League of Springfield Representative*

**Don Forrest, Vice Chair**  
*Business Development Manager,  
Farnsworth Group*

**Amy L. Sherwood, Secretary**  
*Partner, Sikich LLP*

**Christopher Setti, Vice Secretary**  
*Chief Executive Officer, Greater Peoria  
Economic Development Council (GPEDC)*

**Tolly Ebbing, Treasurer**  
*Director of Business Operations, Facilities Division,  
Memorial Medical Center*

**Jamie Baird, Vice Treasurer**  
*Program Manager/US Engineer,  
Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc.*

**Terry Clark**  
*Owner/Operator, McDonald's*

### Board Members

**Justin Ball**  
*Vice President for Enrollment Management,  
Bradley University.*

**Mina Biggs**  
*Vice President of Human Resources,  
Hanson Professional Services Inc.*

**Mark Denzler**  
*President & Chief Executive Officer,  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association*

**Cody Gerdes**  
*Vice President, River City Construction, LLC*

**M. Jawad Javed, MD, FAAP**  
*Neonatologist—Division Head/Medical Director,  
OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois*

**Brian Jones**  
*Attorney, Sorling Northrup: Attorneys at Law*

**Jeffrey Large**  
*Project Manager, Crawford Murphy & Tilly*

**Julie Locke Moore**  
*Founder, The Dax Foundation*

**Dave Matthews**  
*Retired Banker, Washington, IL*

**Mike McGraw**  
*Owner/Operator, McDonald's*

**MaryBeth Miller**  
*Operations Manager,  
HSHS St. John's Hospital,  
Women and Children's Center*

**Julie Welch**  
*Director of Children's Services,  
OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois*

## RMHCCI Staff

### Full Time Staff Members:

**Kelly Thompson**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

**Kendyl Wear, MBA**  
*Development Director*

**Karen Jewell**  
*Finance Specialist*

**Brian Replogle**  
*Peoria Program Director*

**Annie Spears**  
*Peoria Community Engagement Coordinator*

**Katie Alsup**  
*Springfield Program Director*

**Alicia Womack**  
*Springfield Senior Guest Services Associate*

**James Werry**  
*Peoria Employee & Guest Services Manager*

### Part Time Staff Members:

**Donna Jasmon**  
*Housekeeper*

**Dorothea Banks**  
*Housekeeper*

**Carl Hood**  
*Maintenance*

### Guest Services Associates:

*Springfield:*  
**Mary Chimento**  
**Brianna Colvin**  
**Anne Conwill**  
**Trennetta DeBerry**  
**Jennifer Dobson-Coffey**  
**Shanna Elliott**  
**Raushawn Reed**  
**Alicia Wessel**  
**Denise Williams**

*Peoria:*  
**Julie Bonar**  
**Rhonda Elmore**  
**Sandy McDermott**  
**Kim Sommer**



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Holly Fecht

## A Lifesaver for Stress

In early 2019, Jonathan and Holly Fecht were expecting a new addition to their family. But things didn’t go exactly as planned. Their son Noah was born 9 weeks early, sending him to the NICU at HSHS St. John’s Children’s Hospital in Springfield, IL. Living more than 2 hours away with no friends or family members in the Springfield area, Jonathan and Holly were not only concerned about their son but where they would stay over the next five weeks. That is until the nurses at the hospital referred them to the Springfield Ronald McDonald House.

Holly and Jonathan had heard of Ronald McDonald House Charities®, but like many, they were unfamiliar with how we serve families in need until they stayed with us. Holly described the House as a “lifesaver for stress!”, knowing that they would have a home and meals provided to them—at no cost—while their son was getting stronger in the hospital.

We’re happy to report Noah made a full recovery and is a happy, healthy, and active toddler now. But Holly and Jonathan have not forgotten the generous welcome they received at the Springfield House and have become donors, supporting us financially and with in-kind donations.

“We absolutely recommend Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois,” shares Holly. “Not just as a place to stay, but as a charity to support. The direct benefit to families was evident from the level of detail provided in our stay. Every service offered was catered specifically to meet the needs of our family and allowed us to focus on our child and not on other outside stressors. We believe in giving back and supporting those in need. We know what the Houses can provide to families firsthand, so it’s an easy choice to add them to our list of organizations we give to annually.”



Natalie, Jonathan, Noah,  
and Holly Fecht (l to r)



## 2019 Financial Summary

### ASSETS

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Cash, Cash Equivalents & Short-Term Investments .....            | \$1,998,867.00  |
| Land, Buildings & Equipment, Less Accumulated Depreciation ..... | \$11,451,056.00 |
| Investments/Other Assets .....                                   | \$2,830,458.00  |

**Total Assets.....\$16,830,381.00**

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses ..... | \$353,440.00    |
| Unrestricted .....                        | \$12,501,544.00 |
| Temporarily Restricted .....              | \$444,675.00    |
| Permanently Restricted .....              | \$606,250.00    |
| Construction Loan .....                   | \$2,374,472.00  |

**Total Net Assets .....\$13,552,469.00**

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets .....\$16,280,381.00**

### INCOME/DONATIONS

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Fundraising Events (net) .....                              | \$309,965.00   |
| Government Grants .....                                     | \$0.00         |
| Other Cash Contributions .....                              | \$3,173,459.00 |
| Program Service Revenue .....                               | \$0.00         |
| Investment Income .....                                     | \$54,038.00    |
| Net Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments ..... | \$380,557.00   |

**Total Income.....\$3,918,019**

### FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Program services .....                             | \$784,120.00 |
| (Peoria & Springfield House Operations & Outreach) |              |
| Fundraising .....                                  | \$199,279.00 |
| Management & General .....                         | \$326,969.00 |

**Total Expenses.....\$1,310,368.00**





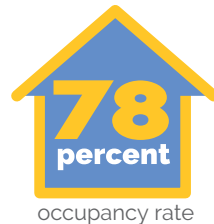
## RMHCCI PROGRAMS

### Springfield & Peoria Ronald McDonald Houses

The Springfield Ronald McDonald House, opened since **February 15, 1986**, serves families of children ages 0-21 (through their 22nd birthday) who are receiving medical care at any medical facility (inpatient or outpatient) in Springfield. The Peoria Ronald McDonald House officially opened on **December 16, 2019**. Both Houses have a fully equipped kitchen, living and dining common areas, laundry rooms, and a total of 38 bedrooms (16 in Springfield and 22 in Peoria) - each with a private bath and other amenities. A large pantry stocked with food is available to guests at no charge, plus access to their own food storage.

### Important 2019 Stats

RMH Springfield provided **3,490 nights** of stay in 2019 to families, serving **600 families** as overnight guests between January 1 and December 31, 2019. The average length of stay was **ten days**.



## Happy Wheels Traveling Hospitality Cart

Not every family receiving care at our local hospitals needs to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. But those families who live close enough to make it home at night, spend hours and days at the hospital without leaving. The Happy Wheels program helps these families by traveling hospital hallways to bring parents needed relief. The cart is stocked with books, fun activities and toys - spreading cheer to young and old. Like any successful program, supplies are continually exhausted. We need help with new (never used) items to help fill our cart: small Legos, Barbies, My Little Pony, cardboard books, adult activity books, action figures, boy/girl baby bibs, items for teens, and small toddler toys. Please contact us to help!

### 2019 Happy Wheels Statistics

- **25 rounds of Happy Wheels** were completed from January to December 2019 with the help of **2 volunteers** (goal was to schedule 2 rounds per month).
- Approximately **405 families** served by the program.

## 2019 Families Served

The Illinois counties with the most family registrations were:

| LOCATION          | VISITS | NIGHTS |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Adams County      | 45     | 941    |
| Cass County       | 12     | 263    |
| Fayette County    | 8      | 151    |
| Hancock County    | 9      | 132    |
| Logan County      | 10     | 156    |
| Macon County      | 64     | 980    |
| Macoupin County   | 15     | 188    |
| Montgomery County | 17     | 197    |
| Morgan County     | 24     | 402    |
| Pike County       | 7      | 194    |





## Peoria Ronald McDonald House

RMHCCI opened the Peoria Ronald McDonald House in **December of 2019**, serving families of children ages 0-21 (through their 22nd birthday) who are receiving medical care at any medical facility (inpatient or outpatient) in Peoria. This brand new facility is located in the heart of the Peoria medical district, near the OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois which provides shuttle service for their families.

RMHCCI expects to serve **over 700 Central Illinois families** per year at the Peoria House, which opened with 22 family suites. RMHCCI is also planning for future expansion and needs by shelling out the fourth floor to potentially add up to 12 mini-suites.

The Peoria Ronald McDonald House is possible due to private and public partnerships from the community involving hospitals, corporations, individuals and other charities. Over **80% of funds have been raised for the Capital Campaign goal of \$10.9M**. Community response has been incredibly supportive. Key sponsors include the DAX Foundation, McDonald's owner/operators in Central Illinois, CEFCU, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois, Marquis Energy and family and local foundations. AbbVie has been instrumental in supporting our Peoria RMH, with over **\$4 million** donated to the construction project.



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## Help Us Keep Families Close by Volunteering

- Guest Chef
- Guest Service Volunteers
- Group Volunteers
- Event Volunteers
- Special Talent / Skill Volunteers
- Happy Wheels



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