



Keeping families close®

**BECAUSE FAMILIES ARE STRONGER**

when they're together.



Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Illinois

## ABOUT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS (RMHCCI)

RMHCCI is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. We operate through an all-volunteer board of directors, thousands of volunteers and a small paid staff.

Our Chapter encompasses 29 counties in Central Illinois for fundraising and marketing, but we serve families from all over the state, country and world. We estimate serving over 700 families each year at the Peoria Ronald McDonald House. We also operate a second Ronald McDonald House in Springfield which serves close to 400 families each year.

### OUR MISSION

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois provides a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care, and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children.



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## PEORIA Guest INFORMATION



Peoria Ronald McDonald House®  
Grand Opening 2019

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## OUR Mission

Ronald McDonald House® is a supportive environment where families can sleep, eat, take a hot shower, do their laundry, relax and most importantly, be close to their child.

To keep the family together, reduce stress and enhance the quality of life for families, Ronald McDonald House provides a caring, home-like atmosphere at **NO COST** to the family.

We do not ask for a monetary contribution from the families who stay with us. Families need to focus on what's most important – their child's health.

### Who can stay at the Peoria Ronald McDonald House?

#### Families who stay must have:

- A child aged 0-21 seeking medical treatment in Peoria, Illinois.
- A residence that is at least 30 miles away.
- Completed a short, criminal background check and application process.

### How do I start the process to stay at the Peoria Ronald McDonald House?

Speak with your healthcare provider, social worker or case manager to start the short application and background check process.

### What does the Peoria Ronald McDonald House provide?

- A fully furnished family mini-suite with room for 4-5 and a private bathroom
- A fully equipped kitchen with a large pantry stocked with food donated from the community
- Living and dining areas
- Outdoor playground
- Laundry facilities
- Free Wi-Fi
- Peace of mind knowing you are close to your child while he or she receives medical treatment

**For more information:**  
**Visit [rmhc-centralillinois.org](http://rmhc-centralillinois.org).**



### What is the Meals from the Heart Guest Chef Program?

The Meals from the Heart Guest Chef Program strives to provide a home-cooked meal most nights for our families. The families we serve are very grateful to our volunteer guest chefs!

#### Meals & Days Only Pass

We offer a **Meals & Days Only Pass** for families who live in the local area, but outside of Peoria city limits. This allows families to come to a comfortable place to have meals and relax only a few steps away from the hospitals. For a Meals & Days Only Pass, refer to the How Do I Start Section.

#### What are the features of the communal areas?

Community spaces are important because in addition to giving families a place to stay, we want families to have a place to reset and recharge, so they can be the best advocate for their child. Many families say the support they get from other families is invaluable in their journey. These community spaces give families a place to build friendships, celebrate victories and offer comfort to one another.



#### Is there an area dedicated to Pediatric Cancer Patients?

The second floor of the Peoria Ronald McDonald House is home to the Dax Wing and open to pediatric cancer patients, sponsored by the Dax Foundation. The Dax Wing will include five mini suites and a playroom that is separate from the rest of the facility to allow immunocompromised visitors a space of their own.

