



Volunteers Recognized for Years of Service

5 Years

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10 Years

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house stories

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2009 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Twenty-five years ago a local family and physician called upon the community to create a place that would serve as a “home away from home” for families forced to travel from out of town to ensure that their children could receive the best possible medical treatment. Now, each month volunteers donate an average of 1,250 hours of time to keep this home going.

On April 5, 2009 we had the privilege of honoring the individuals who make this home possible, the volunteers! Nearly 150 people attended this year’s luncheon, which was held at the beautiful Audubon Country Club. Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch along with the entertainment of the best clown in town, Ronald McDonald himself. While Ronald and the food were great, chances are anyone present would tell you that the best part of all was the guest speaker, Jef Conner, one of the founders of the Ronald McDonald House of Louisville.

Jef shared stories from the opening of the House that helped volunteers old and new gain an understanding of what an amazing organization they are a part of. Her words inspired volunteers by opening their eyes to the bigger picture. By showing them how instrumental volunteers were to the opening of the House, as well as how instrumental they are to the continuation of the House, they could better grasp their role in this incredible legacy we are all working to create. At the end of her speech Jef stated that, “To think the Ronald McDonald House would not be there for the families who need it is absolutely unacceptable.” The truth in those words will ring in the hearts of many as a challenge for years to come. Our volunteers will not fail the families who will someday need to call Ronald McDonald House home. Whether it is 10 days from now or 10 years from now, Ronald McDonald House and its volunteers will be ready. For more information about volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House or Family Room, please contact Christina Johnson at 502.561.7653 or Christina@rmhlouisville.org.



Ronald McDonald House expands to serve more families

When we opened our last Ronald McDonald House expansion in 2003, we expected the ten new rooms to meet our needs for many years to come. Because of the advances in medicine and the expansion of Louisville’s downtown medical center, this was not the case. In January-April 2008 alone, we operated at capacity and turned away families more times than the previous four years COMBINED.



Fortunately, our great partner, Kosair Charities, came to the rescue, providing us with a \$1.25 million grant to fund our newest expansion, which includes:

- Construction of seven new guestrooms on the fourth floor
- Also on the fourth floor, construction of two suites with special accommodations for patients with low-immunities

- Renovation of three existing guestrooms on the first floor, making them more accessible for our guests in wheelchairs
- Renovation of our main dining room area to accommodate additional families and more individuals in wheelchairs

Thank you to our friends at Kosair Charities. Your contribution has increased our capacity to provide a home away from home for families of seriously ill children every day by nearly 25%. We hope to continue our partnership for many more years.

We also thank the following for their dedication to this project:

- Studio Kremer Architects – Herb Shulhafer & Jimmy McKenzie
- Megan Campbell Design – Interior Design
- Coupe Construction Company – General Contractor
- House Operations Committee - Ronald McDonald House
- In-Kind donors, including DuPont Corian, Kohler, Benjamin Moore paints, La-Z-Boy, Tempur Pedic, Brand Source and more.

Please visit us soon to tour the expansion and learn more about the exciting things happening at Ronald McDonald House.

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a "Home Away From Home" for families of children receiving healthcare at area medical facilities while also lending support to other organizations who aid children.

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A message from the Board President and Executive Director

At the beginning of each year, our Board of Directors and staff gather for a retreat to recap the previous year and to plan for the current year and beyond. Each year, the agenda is full and the discussion is lively, and this January was no different. Among the highlights of 2008 that were discussed:

- We were awarded the **Better Business Bureau's Torch Award** for Marketplace Ethics, further proving our solid commitment to conducting business in an ethical manner.
- The **final payment was made on the Ronald McDonald House** facility at 550 South First Street in downtown Louisville, and we now own the building outright!!
- Our **Ronald McDonald Family Room at Kosair Children's Hospital was renovated** to better serve families of oncology patients.
- We received our first expectancy gifts to our **Red Shoe Society**, which will ensure that we continue to provide a loving, caring *home away from home* for generations to come. Read more about the Red Shoe Society on page 5.
- Thanks to a \$1.25 million grant from Kosair Charities, work began on our Ronald McDonald House expansion. This **expansion opened in January** and has increased our capacity from **29 to 36 rooms**. Read more about our expansion on page 1.
- In addition to providing over \$80,000 in grants to local organizations that serve children, we launched a scholarship program, **providing seven \$3,000 scholarships** to area high school students.

As we looked forward to this year, discussion will continue to be centered around our 25th anniversary on September 10, 2009. Among our year-round anniversary events is *McDazzle*, which was held on March 7, 2009.

Planning beyond 2010 is a high priority for us and was also discussed in January. Although we just opened our Ronald McDonald House expansion a few months ago, we are already considering future growth opportunities. A key part of our strategic plan will be continuing to grow alongside our top-notch pediatric medical community, increasing our capacity to serve children and their families.

You can play a key part in our future growth by becoming a charter member of the Red Shoe Society. By making a planned gift to RMHC of Kentuckiana before the end of 2009 you can join a select

group of people who are leaving a legacy to *The House That Love Built*. For more information about the Red Shoe Society, contact Hal Hedley at 502.561.7658 or halhedley@rmhlouisville.org.

As always, thanks to you – our donors, volunteers and partners - for your ongoing support.

Judy Davenport
Board President
McDonald's Owner/Operator

Hal Hedley
Executive Director

Thank you & Welcome New Board Members

By serving on committees, fundraising, taking the lead on strategic planning, and much, much more, our board members are extremely valuable to the success of RMHC of Kentuckiana.

In 2008, terms ended for the following board members: Chris Chiarot, Jennifer Ewing, Pat Padgett, Rick Peter, David Ramey, Steve Sexton, Mike Shea, Bob Thieman & Nichole Williams.

We thank these great people for their service to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana. Each was recognized at our 2008 Annual Meeting in December, and many remain involved in other capacities.

As board members end their terms, we look for strong supporters of RMHC of Kentuckiana to become new board members. In 2008, the following joined our board of directors:

Andy Ball – McDonald's
Sharon Decker – Fifth/Third Mortgage
Scott Gritton – Road Ranger USA
Shelly Gubser – Bandy Carroll Hellige
Bob Hausladen – New Horizons PCS
Mark Hieb – McDonald's
Tom Kazanova – McDonald's
Elizabeth Padgett – RMHC of Kentuckiana volunteer
Seth Stewart – New Covenant Financial

In 2009, we've welcomed the following new board members:

James Hickman – E.ON – U.S.
Chris Katakis – UPS
Ben Murr – Churchill Downs, Inc.
Ken Reiss – Louisville Frame & Fender

Welcome aboard!!! We look forward to your leadership during your term as a board member.

Love Letters: From Our Families

Please always know how much we enjoyed getting to know you all & how much we appreciate each and every one of you. We are truly blessed by the loving home that was provided to us in our great time of need. It was a long seven months, but your loving and thoughtful care for us made the time pass quickly. May God Richly Bless You All. Karen and Josh Heine



We just want to give you all a special thank you for all that you have done for us. If it wasn't for RMH we would have had a much harder time than we did. You all will always be in our prayers and have made our dreams come true. Thank you for your kindness and making our stay at the RMH worth millions. May God Bless You All. David, Angela and Ivory Hicks

Words cannot express how thankful we are that you have a facility for parents like us who had our baby in the NICU. You made a very difficult situation easier by allowing us to be close to our baby and my wife to be able to feed her. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God continue to bless this ministry. Tim, Joan & Rilynu Heid

Wyatt's Story



It's been a year and 16 days; my husband, Chris, and I feel as if we've lived the same day over and over again. April 23, 2008 was the day our son, Wyatt, was born. That morning we were on our way to the hospital for a scheduled C-section. All of the family in the waiting room, including our daughter, Kailyn, sit patiently waiting for Chris to come out with a newborn baby boy, not knowing that they would have to see him for the first time in the NICU.

After Wyatt was born he first cried but then began to turn blue. After a heart cath, an EKG, and an ECHO the doctors diagnosed Wyatt with a right hypoplastic heart, which means the right side of his heart is underdeveloped. Wyatt was quickly life flighted to Kosair Children Hospital. At two days old he had open heart surgery, which was called the Norwood. Many children with this heart defect usually have a series of three open heart surgeries. First the Norwood, then the Glenn, and then the Fontane. During the first surgery we were faced with many ups and downs. We spent almost seven months at Kosair after having the Norwood. Following the Norwood Wyatt was put on ECMO life support for nine days. His chest stayed open for seven days. After a few weeks of recovery doctors found out that Wyatt had chylothorax. By July 2008 Wyatt was faced with another obstacle during our

stay in the hospital. He was placed on kidney dialysis for acute renal failure. At one point the nephrologist predicted that Wyatt would be on dialysis for the rest of his life and that his kidneys would shrivel up. After many prayers Wyatt came off of dialysis and a renal ultrasound showed that Wyatt's kidneys had actually grown and his functions were better than they ever have been. After the Norwood we were finally ready to go home and we made it for eight days. Once again Wyatt was life flighted back to Kosair, where we spent another three months. After many antibiotics and three long weeks on the ventilator we were going home. We had finally made it home again right in time to spend the holidays with our family.

After many follow-up and check-up appointments we came back in March 2009 for a scheduled heart cath, which had shown that Wyatt would need the second open heart surgery, known as the Glenn. We were scheduled to come back on April 13, 2009 for the surgery. When we returned they were all amazed at how much Wyatt had changed.

2008 RMHCK Financials

Revenue

Individual & Corporate Contributions	\$216,555
Fundraisers	\$291,498
Program Service Fees	\$62,198
Other	\$190,730
Total Revenue	\$760,981

Expenses

Program	\$435,420
Management & General	\$88,401
Fundraising	\$87,142
Total Expenses	\$661,023
Total Assets as of December 31, 2008	\$5,928,209

2008 Stats & Facts

- 4,558 people served
- 1,700 families served
- Longest stay: 533 nights
- Over 13,000 volunteer hours logged
- 434 meals served
- Over 70% of our 2008 operating budget came from individual & corporate donations!

God has always had his hand on all of us. Prayer and faith is what gets you through every step. To this day Wyatt has endured 15 surgeries. God has an amazing plan for Wyatt's life, he has brought him through so much. We are so thankful and so proud.

RMH has really been our home away from home for the last year. We wouldn't have been able to be this close to our son if it weren't for the RMH. We live over two hours away from the hospital, so without the RMH it would have been very difficult to stay. The RMH has offered support, especially from many of the families that we have met. It helps to share your story and to hear others. It builds your faith and it helps you to realize how strong of a person you really are.

Chris and I are looking forward to taking Wyatt home once again. We are excited about what we still have to look forward to. Even though Wyatt is a year old, he only weighs 13 lbs. He is only about the size of a seven month old baby. We just get to enjoy him small a little bit longer.

Community Grant Program Continues to Support Local Nonprofits

It is the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana (RMHCK) to provide comfort and care to children and families of the Kentuckiana region through support of the Ronald McDonald House of Louisville, our three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and by making grants to nonprofit organizations whose programs help children in need. Grants are made in the areas of healthcare, medical research, education and human services.

Thanks to the support of the Kentuckiana McDonald's Owner/Operators and Ronald McDonald House Charities Global, RMHCK provided over \$80,000 to the following area nonprofit organizations in 2008.

For more information about the RMHCK Grant program, please contact Rhonda Pait at Rhonda@rmhlouisville.org or 502.561.7657.

Children's Hospital Foundation
 Our Lady of Peace
 Gilda's Club
 Golden Arrow
 Second Harvest
 Highlands Community Ministries
 House of Ruth
 Sickle Cell Association
 Green Hill Therapy
 YMCA Safe Place Services
 Blackacre Conservancy
 Pediatric Oncology/University Pediatrics Foundation
 Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Center

RMHC Scholarship Program Continues for 2nd Year

Local Ronald McDonald House Charities® Chapters, with support from RMHC Global, offer college scholarships to students pursuing educational and career opportunities. These scholarships are part of the chartities ongoing commitment to education. High school seniors who are planning to attend a two or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school may apply. Scholarship funds may be applied toward tuition, fees, and other appropriate educational expenses.

In 2008, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana successfully implemented the RMHC Scholar Program and awarded seven scholarships to area high school seniors. Each application is scored based on individual academic achievement, financial need, overall impression, letters of recommendation and essay. The top candidates participate in a face-to-face interview with committee members.

Over 150 applications were received in February for the upcoming funding cycle. 2009 Scholarship Recipients were announced in late May. For more information about the RMHCK Scholarship Program, please contact Rhonda Pait at 502.561.7657 or Rhonda@rmhlouisville.org.

2008 Scholarship Recipients

Keri Gibson, Glendale, KY, Western Kentucky University
Ronald Harrison, Louisville, KY, University of Kentucky
Katie Hodge, Bedford, IN, Indiana State University
Josey Kintner, Corydon, IN, Indiana University Southeast
Christopher Link, Louisville, KY, University of Michigan
Lori Rutledge, Brooks, KY, University of Louisville
Brooke Sherrard, Louisville, KY, University of Louisville

2009 Scholarship Recipients

Thanh Huong Luong, Louisville, KY, Purdue University
Kory Brocious, Campbellsburg, KY, University of Kentucky
Derek Holiday, Madison, IN, Georgetown University
Ayesha Crockett, Louisville, KY, University of Chicago
Alejandro Alvarez, Louisville, KY, University of Louisville
Chelsea Howell, Louisville, KY, Bellarmine University
Nicholas Gahan, New Albany, IN, Indiana University Bloomington

Red Shoe Society

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana launched its newly developed Planned Giving Program in January 2009. We are very fortunate to have committed volunteers and donors that give back to our organization both in terms of talent and treasure, to help us reach our goals.

The Red Shoe Society Endowment is a board-restricted endowment established by RMHCK to ensure ample future resources necessary to continue to meet the needs of the families we serve. The most committed supporter now has the opportunity to continue to provide for the House that Love Built, even after they are not here to experience the results.

Donors who make an outright or deferred gift to the Red Shoe Society Endowment of \$10,000.00 or more will be recognized as members of the Red Shoe Society. A permanent marker honoring the donor and/or his representatives will be placed in the lobby of the RMHCK. Outright gifts may be made by using assets such as cash, appreciated stock, or real estate. Deferred gifts may be made in the form of a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, retirement plan assets beneficiary designation, life insurance, or bequest.

If you have questions about the Red Shoe Society or how you can incorporate RMHCK into your estate plans, please contact Hal Hedley at 502.561.7658 or halhedley@rmhlouisville.org.





McDazzle 2009

McDazzle, presented by The Carriage House Companies, Inc. was held Saturday, March 7, 2009 at The Galt House East Grand Ballroom. Over 475 guests attended this year's event and RMHCK was able to raise over \$145,000. The evening began with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction. Guests were then treated to a fabulous gourmet dinner followed by a fantastic live auction and entertainment from the band Impact. The highlight of the event was the opportunity for the attendees to meet the Snyder Family. Jennifer Snyder captivated each of us all as she spoke about her family's stay at the Ronald McDonald House as her son, Benjamin, received treatment at Kosair Children's Hospital.

Thank you to all of our McDazzle Sponsors. A special thanks to our presenting sponsor, The Carriage House Companies, Inc. and Republic Bank & Trust Company, our volunteer sponsor, as well as all of our auction item donors, staff, volunteers, and attendees!!!

Thank You to the following for their support of McDazzle 2009

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In Kind Donations Remain Vital to RMHC

While it cost us over \$60 per night for a family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House, families are only asked to pay \$15. Many companies and individuals donate their goods and services to us on an ongoing basis that are vital to our day to day operations. The below contributions are extremely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Jim Abell – Bread Products
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Brand Source – Appliances & Electronics
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Consumer's Choice Coffee – Coffee & Orange Juice
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Nestle – Food Items
Preston Street Poultry – Eggs
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Swisher Hygiene – Cleaning Products & Services
Tempur-Pedic – Beds & Bed Supplies
Two Men & A Truck – Moving Services
Mr. Calvin Vincent – Deep Cleaning Services

If we have inadvertently not included your name in the above list, please inform us so we may thank you and include you in future publications.

RMHC of Kentuckiana and Kosair Charities partner on "Fore the Kids" Golf Tournament

Over twelve years ago, RMHC of Kentuckiana and Kosair Charities formed a partnership and created the "Just Fore Kids" Golf Tournament.

Since then, more than \$1,000,000 has been raised to help those in need. RMHC of Kentuckiana and Kosair Charities split the proceeds, and the tournament is a great example of how two organizations come together to create long-lasting success.

This year's event will be held Monday, August 31 at Hurstbourne Country Club, and it is already sold out!! We thank our friends at Kosair Charities and everyone who serves on the tournament committee for this fantastic collaborative effort.



Become a Room Sponsor

To help us continue to offer comfort and stability to our families and children, we encourage you to become a Room Sponsor. Room sponsorships are available on an annual basis for \$2,000. By becoming a room sponsor, you make it possible for a family with a seriously ill child to stay close to the hospital. You also receive a recognition plaque on the room's door, an invitation to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana's Annual meeting in December and recognition in the RMHCK Annual Report. For more information about Room Sponsorships or to reserve your room today, please contact Elizabeth Bowling at Elizabeth@rmhlouisville.org or 502.561.7659.

2008-2009 Room Sponsors

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Our Precious gift, Brooke Nicole Breedlove, Love Mommy & Daddy

We Need Your Help

Whether it's donating directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana or volunteering your time, we are extremely grateful for every contribution. Below are several ways you can support our mission to make RMHCK a "home away from home".

1. Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House.
2. Provide a meal for our families through our Adopt-A-Meal program.
3. Attend or hold fundraisers that benefit RMHCK.
4. Collect pull tabs from aluminum cans and drop them by the House.
5. Make a financial contribution to RMHCK.
6. Remember RMHCK in your will by joining the Red Shoe Society.
7. Work with your employer's HR department to create matching funds for charitable contributions.
8. Support the RMHCK canister program in your local McDonald's restaurant.

Top Wish List Items

- Assorted Breakfast Cereals
- Butter/Margarine
- Baking Dessert Kits & Supplies
- Frosting
- Disinfectant Spray
- Lunch-size Brown Paper Bags
- Dishwashing Detergent (Powdered)
- 8 & 13 Gallon Garbage Bags
- Laundry Detergent