

2024 Annual Report





# The Power of the RMHC Community in 2024 — Breaking Ground and Building Hope



Dear Friends.

As I reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the ways in which you have helped shape and grow our organization. Since 2022, our

organization went from supporting over 6,000 families a year to over 12,000!

This monumental change illustrates the power of our community: our hospital partners, community advocates and corporate donors including McDonald's. Together, we are meeting the needs of more sick children and families. None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, staff, families, and supporters throughout the New York Metro and Long Island regions.

In 2024, we made tremendous progress on our goal to build another Ronald McDonald House at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. Set to open in 2027, our new, 60,000 sq. ft. building will provide families with private bedrooms and bathrooms, multimedia respite spaces, fresh meals, and support services while their children are in the

hospital. In April 2024, we broke ground on the future site of the new Ronald McDonald House with construction starting in 2025.

Behind the numbers are families — resilient families who care for their ill or injured children 24 hours a day. While we are steadfast in our commitment to expanding our reach, we are also committed to compassionate, transformative care.

We believe in a world where every family has what they need to ensure the best health outcomes for their children.

With Gratitude,

**Matt Campo** 

Chief Executive Officer RMHC New York Metro



#### **OUR FOREVER FAMILY**

"For fifty years, McDonald's has worked hand-in-hand with Ronald McDonald House Charities to help families in need. Serving our



In 2024, *McDonald's Round Up for RMHC* initiative surpassed
\$1 million in donations spanning the
New York Metro region. This milestone achievement illustrates the
power of our partnership and
our shared commitment to the
communities we serve.

McDonald's owner/operators like myself are happy to give to RMHC in many other ways as well including the Fry Tax, Penny per Happy Meal, and individual giving.

It's fair to say that RMHC is part of our "forever family," and we are proud to support the thousands of sick children and families served by RMHC every year."



Katie Hunt Rotolo McDonald's Owner Operator Chairman, Ronald McDonald House Charities New York Metro





For 50 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) has proudly been caring for families so they can care for theirs.

**Dr. Audrey Evans** pioneered the first

Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia in 1974, and today there are over 390 Ronald McDonald Houses and over 270 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms worldwide.



Dr. Audrey Evans

#### Ronald McDonald House Charities New York

**Metro** was founded in 1986 in New Hyde Park as the 100<sup>th</sup> House in the RMHC

system. Our organization continues to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### **Ronald McDonald House**

Helping families physically, economically, and emotionally along their child's health-care journey.

The Ronald McDonald House program in New Hyde Park reduces stress and financial burden for families when they must travel to access medical care for their child.

Research shows that patients whose families stayed at the Ronald McDonald House are the sickest, traveled the farthest distances, and spent the longest time in the hospital.

Family proximity to the hospital provides important psychological benefits

- Parents get better sleep at a Ronald McDonald House
- Families who stay in a Ronald McDonald House report more positive hospital experiences and a greater ability to participate in their child's care



#### **Ronald McDonald Family Rooms**

A respite in the hospital, just moments from a child's bedside.

Located on Stony Brook Children's pediatric floor and Stony Brook Medicine's NICU, each **Ronald** 



**McDonald Family Room** offers a place for families to rest and regroup away from the medical environment.

Families are welcomed by trained staff and volunteers with compassion and hospitality. Amenities include comfortable lounge seating, kitchen and snacks, donated meals, private bathroom and shower, laundry facilities, as well as TV and internet access.

#### **Ronald McDonald Hospitality Carts**

Smiles, snacks, and coffee: Delivered



Always arriving at "just the right time," Ronald McDonald Hospitality Carts bring care and

comfort to the bedside. Volunteers offer sick children and their families a variety of snacks, beverages, toys, and personal care items several times a day. For parents and other caregivers who are reluctant to leave their critically ill or injured child even for just a moment, the bright and cheerful cart is a welcome sight.

# RMHC New York Metro's Increasing Impact by the Numbers

## All RMHC New York Metro Programs

RMHC New York Metro creates communities of support to keep families together and near the medical care their ill or injured children need, when they need it most.

RMHC New York Metro serves children throughout Long Island and the greater New York metro area through the operation and financial support of several RMHC programs and the generosity of donors like you.

## Leading Medical Issues

1 NICU related

2 PICU related

3 Hematology / Oncology



#### **Number of Families Served**

2022: 6,758\*

2023: 7.193

2024: 12,855

\* 8,258 including our Grant Program which sunset In 2022.

#### Ronald McDonald House

Cohen Children's Medical Center, New Hyde Park

The New Hyde Park House is a 45,000 square feet facility, which offers private bedrooms as well as common areas for family-centered care!

#### **Number of Families Served**

2022: 668

2023: 887

2024: 693

#### **Number of Family Night Stays**

2022: 9,582

2023: 11,619

2024: 11,756

#### **Average Length of Stays**

2022: 14 NIGHTS

2023: 18 NIGHTS

2024: 18 NIGHTS

Number of Meals Prepared for Families

2022: 850

(Over two meals per day)

2023: 1.100

(Over three meals per day with the Grab-to-Go Lunch Program)

2024: 1,100

(Over three meals per day with the Grab-to-Go Lunch Program)





### **Family Rooms**

#### Stony Brook Children's Hospital

Located in Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms offer quiet spaces for families with sick children to rest and relax. A second Family Room was opened in 2022. The new addition is adjacent to the Hospital's NICU.

**Number of Families** Served

2022: 1,428

2023: 1,476

2024: 2,233



#### **Number of Individuals Served**

2022: 3.300

2023: 3.842

2024: 4,208

**Number of Visits** 

2022: 14,900

2023: 15.583

2024: 29,422



## **Hospitality Carts**

#### Stony Brook Children's Hospital Cohen Children's Medical Center

Volunteers with the colorful RMHC Hospitality Cart in tow deliver much-needed toiletries. snacks, fun games, books, and toys to parents and children in their hospital room. Always arriving at "just the right time," the volunteers and treats on the cart give an added boost of joy to the day.

Number of Individuals Served at Stony Brook Children's Hospital

2022: 4.200

2023: 4,830

2024: 12,319

Number of **Individuals** Served at Cohen Children's Medical Center

2024: 19,859

#### **Our Volunteers**

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of RMHC New York Metro. These caring individuals and groups in New Hyde Park and Stony Brook help families focus on what is most important — the health and well-being of their children.

#### **Number of Volunteers**

2022: 2,830

2023: 6.482





## **Being There for Jackie Boy**

Our beloved **Jack**, known to so many as *Jackie Boy*, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in early January at just three years old. The weight of this diagnosis has touched every member of our family deeply, shaking us to our core. Yet even in this difficult time, we've found strength in coming together, just as we always have.

The **Ronald McDonald House** has provided our family with the support we need to fight for Jack. Volunteers and staff at the House

have offered us a warm, supportive, home away from home while Jack is receiving medical care.

Our two older daughters (6) and our youngest (2) love coming to the Ronald McDonald House to play in the Play Room and grab a snack. Our family doesn't have to worry about a long commute or hotel costs — and we are walking distance from the hospital. The Ronald McDonald House has not only provided a comfortable bedroom and hot meals, but also emotional support when

we've needed it. The House has allowed us to put all our focus on being there for Jack, and the girls.

Jack isn't facing this battle alone. Because of the Ronald McDonald House, he has an incredible network of loved ones surrounding him with unwavering support, encouragement,

and most importantly, love. Each of us is committed to being there for him every step of this journey, holding him in our hearts and standing ready to help in any way we can.

With love and gratitude, Tara and Kevin Norris

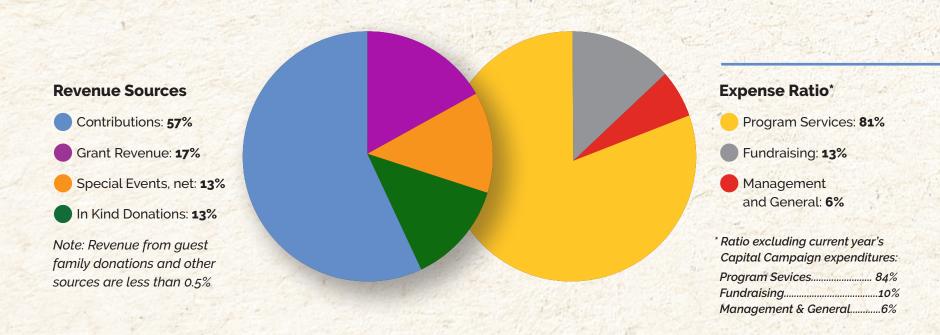




## 2024 Financial Highlights

### **Statement of Financial Position**

Assets\$	39,659,280
Liabilities\$	1,585,198
Net Assets\$	38,074,082
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions\$	19,783,341
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions\$	18,290,741



## **Statement of Activities**

Revenues	
Contributions\$	5,334,147
Grant Revenue\$	1,591,315
Special Events, net\$	1,237,600
In Kind Donations\$	1,229,600
Guest Family Donations\$	43,017
Other Income \$	3 122

\$ 9,439,101

### Expenses\*

Program Services\$	5,858,268
Fundraising\$	905,169
Management & General\$	441,225
	7,204,662
Investment Income (loss), net\$	1,771,400



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On April 30, 2024, RMHC New York Metro held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new **Ronald McDonald House at Stony Brook Children's.** 

The ceremony was held at the future site of the 30-bedroom Ronald McDonald House, scheduled to open in 2027.

In partnership with Stony Brook University Hospital and Stony Brook Children's, we are slated to begin construction in 2025. The project will take approximately two years to complete with support from numerous organizations and individuals, all of whom helped us to raise funds and raise awareness for the project.

The Ceremonial Groundbreaking marked the beginning of the Capital Campaign's public phase and has since ushered in a new wave of support and enthusiasm from Stony Brook families and the broader Suffolk County community. The new Ronald McDonald House will provide sick children and families with a home away from home, adjacent to Suffolk County's first and only children's hospital.

We celebrate the accomplishments from our dedicated Board of Directors, the Building Committee, and the Capital Campaign

Cabinet who have helped in tremendous ways to ensure we continue to meet the needs of families in Suffolk County.



Architectural rendering of the Ronald McDonald House at Stony Brook Children's scheduled to open in 2027.

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#### **Our Purpose**

Caring for children who are ill or injured.

#### **Our Vision**

A world where every family has what they need to ensure the best health outcomes for their children.

#### **Our Mission**

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