

Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon

# Light the House



Dear Friend of the House,

Christmas is a special time for families, and we all want to spend the holidays with our loved ones. At Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon, we ensure that sick children and their families can celebrate together and enjoy the festivities of the season even while facing a serious illness.

This holiday season, we invite you to help us make the holidays magical for our children and families. By taking part in Light the House, you will help to create a beautifully decorated home-away-from-home for the holidays, and keep families together when it matters most.

Participate with your business, family, or community group, demonstrate your creative flair and generate team building by sponsoring and decorating a Christmas tree. Take part in festive activities such as our tree lighting ceremony, caroling, and of course, enjoy holiday treats with our families! Your tree will be on display at the House throughout the holiday season, for the public and for the enjoyment of our families.

Each tree in the House costs \$2,000, with one additional large tree at the front of the House costing \$5000, and all proceeds provide accommodation for families that call RMH BC 'home.' Through the Light the House campaign we hope to raise 1,000 nights of accommodation for BC and Yukon families!

Your support will give our families the simple comforts of home: a comfortable bed, a kitchen to cook in and a place to put up their feet at the end of a long day. Your generosity will also provide a network of support for families who are away from their home communities during the holidays, and help provide some joy, tradition and normalcy at a time when their lives are anything but normal.

We hope you are able to join us in transforming the House into a magical home-away-from-home for the holidays, and help us give sick children the best Christmas gift of all – their families. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Pass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Pass  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon

# About Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon



Far from home. Financially strained. Emotionally drained. Every year thousands of families come to Vancouver in search of life-saving medical treatment for their seriously ill children. Vulnerable and tired in a strange city, these families need a comfortable and affordable place where they can feel safe and enjoy the simple comforts of home – a family dinner, a bedtime story, a game of catch – all while they deal with the challenges that come with having a child who is seriously ill.

For over 30 years, Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon has provided just that.

Within our walls, kids undergoing treatment for life-threatening illnesses bask in the glow of family love and get the support they need as they engage in the fight of their lives. Here, parents under siege offer mutual support to others who face similar worries and challenges. And here, people have access to services that can help to put some joy and establish normalcy at a time when their lives are anything but normal.

Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon is more than just a place for families to stay – it's a place for families to heal better together.

## Meet Nicola



In November 2016, Nicola was diagnosed with leukemia at just 16 months old. She and her family were airlifted to Vancouver from their home on Vancouver Island, and found out that they would not be going home for months.

At the House, Nicola's family found a community of support made up of staff, volunteers, and other families who understood exactly what they were going through and who could help each other cope.

Staying at the House also meant that Nicola's older brother and sister could stay with her for the holidays and the family could celebrate together. "Ronald McDonald House includes everybody. They take care of the whole family, not just the patient," says dad Mike.

# Event Details



## TREE SET-UP

**Monday November 27 to Wednesday November 29**

(Weekend of November 25 and 26 available upon request)

Pick a day between November 27 and 29 to decorate your tree along with your family, organization and co-workers. While you enjoy decorating, we will play festive holiday music and serve you some delicious hot chocolate!

Ronald McDonald House volunteers can also help you decorate your tree. Please let us know in advance if you would like some additional assistance.



## LIGHT THE HOUSE RECEPTION

**Thursday, November 30, 4pm to 8pm**

All of our House tree sponsors and their guests are invited to join us and our families as we officially light all of our trees for the holiday season. Help us fill the House with the sound of Christmas carols! Holiday treats will be served.



## TREE TAKE DOWN

**Tuesday January 2 to Friday January 5, 2017**

Pick a day between January 4 and 6 to take down your tree. Assistance from a Ronald McDonald House volunteer can be made available with advance notice.

## LIGHT THE HOUSE IN THE COMMUNITY

**November 13 through December 24**

Raise funds for families at Ronald McDonald House BC this holiday season through the sale of Houses at your school or workplace. Donors can write their name or a message of hope on the Houses which can be purchased for \$2 or \$5 each. Proudly display the Houses on your tree or walls and help us Light our House.

Join us for the Light the House Reception on Thursday, November 30.

Please contact Shonna Breslaw at [shonna@rmhbc.ca](mailto:shonna@rmhbc.ca) to order your Houses and poster.



# Registration Form



## Tree Set-Up

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Wednesday, November 29

## Light the House Reception

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4 – 8 PM

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Friday, January 5

For more information,  
please contact Shonna  
Breslaw:

604-736-2957 Ext 2102  
shonna@rmhbc.ca



Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### We have a limited number of trees, so reserve yours today!

- Yes! We would like to sponsor a tree for \$2,000.
- Yes! We would like to sponsor an outdoor tree for \$5,000.
- We are unable to sponsor this event, but would like to make a donation  
in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Select your preferred payment method:

- Cheque (payable to Ronald McDonald House BC)  Please Invoice Me
- Visa  Mastercard  Amex

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CSV: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please send payment and completed form to:

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