



Fact Sheet & Speaking Notes

- **When Referring to the House**

- Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon
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- RMH BC (*only use once the full name has been used*)

- **RMH BC Key Messages**

- Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon is a home away from home for families who must travel to Vancouver when their child must undergo life-saving medical treatment in Vancouver
- RMH BC also operates a Family Room in Surrey Memorial hospital
- Opening its doors in 1983, RMH BC is now celebrating 35 years of service to families
- The new House opened in 2014 – it is 70,000 square feet and can accommodate 73 families each night, or approximately 2,000 families each year
- RMH BC receives funding from many sources within the communities they serve. Corporate Sponsors, Individual Donors, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada and Third Party fundraisers all contribute to making the House a home for families
- When they can, families contribute \$12 per night to stay at the House. The actual cost of one night's stay for a family is \$120/night
- 31% of families stay at the House twice or more each year, and the money raised today will help ease the financial and emotional burden for families

- **Home for Dinner**

- A dinner to celebrate the tradition of sharing a meal together while supporting a great cause
- Throughout our community, families are going through one of the worst case scenarios imaginable. These are families from across BC and Yukon who have had to leave home when their child requires life-saving medical treatment in Vancouver
- Often, these families do not know where they will stay, or how long they will be away from home
- The House services 2,000 of these families every year and they need our help to continue to support families in need
- The average family stays 11 nights at the House, but many stay for months or even years. The longest consecutive stay by a family last year was 480 nights!
- On this journey, families face tremendous emotional and financial hardships and the House relies on generous donors to ensure that families can stay together and continue to share meals under the same roof when it really matters most



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