



Home for Dinner

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Supporting the families of Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon

Key Messages

About the Home for Dinner Program

- Food is the ingredient that brings loved ones together and this fall, a dinner together with your loved ones can help families stay together at Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon (RMH BC) while their child is fighting a serious illness.
- RMH BC cares for families of children whose health needs take them far from home, providing them with accommodation, comfort, compassion and a sense of community for the whole family.
- The Home for Dinner program invites the community to host a dining event in support of RMH BC. Instead of bringing a gift to dinner, guests can contribute something even more meaningful: a donation that will ensure that other families can continue to enjoy treasured moments - like a home cooked meal - together under one roof.
- By hosting your dinner, you are giving moments like the ones you share with your friends and family to RMH BC families.

About RMH BC Families

- Often, families who stay at RMH BC arrive in Vancouver not knowing where they will stay, or how long they will be away from home.
- The average family stays 12 nights at the House, but many stay for months or even years. The longest consecutive stay by a family last year was 414 nights!
- RMH BC served families from 210 communities across BC and the Yukon in 2019. These are families that are faced with sudden diagnoses who must uproot themselves to seek essential medical treatment for a child.



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When referring to the House

- Named mention:
 - Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon
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 - RMH BC (on subsequent mentions of the charity only after 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.
 - Opening its doors in 1983, RMH BC has celebrating over 35 years of service to families.
 - The new House opened in 2014 – it is 74,000 square feet and can accommodate 73 families each night, or 2,000 families each year.
 - 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 \$125/night
 - The money raised through generous donations and fundraisers help ease financial and emotional burdens for families, saving them an average of \$3,000 - \$6,000 a month.

Social Media

- www.rmhbc.ca
- [@rmhbc](https://www.instagram.com/rmhbc)
- [#keepingfamiliesclose](https://www.facebook.com/rmhbc), [#homefordinner](https://www.facebook.com/rmhbc)