

Key Messages & Fact Sheet

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*)

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- Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon is a home away from home for families who must travel to Vancouver for their child's major medical treatment.
- RMH BC also operates the Family Room in Surrey Memorial Hospital to serve families whose child is being treated there.
- Started in 1983, RMH BC recently celebrated 35 years of service to BC and Yukon families.
- RMH BC can accommodate 73 families each night, and serves approximately 2,000 families each year.
- RMH BC is 575 steps from BC Children's Hospital, which keeps families close to treatment and their seriously ill child
- Staying at RMH BC can save families in your community over \$6,000 per month in accommodation, food, gas and other expenses.
- The House also provides programs and support for kids and parents that are facing the serious illness of a child.
- Over 250 regular volunteers help run the House and its programs including: yoga, gardening, massage, movie nights, LEGO Robotics and more
- Some of RMH BC programs like the Family Meals program, and Art & Music therapy, help families cope with the challenges they face, both financial and emotional

How does Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon help my community?

All of the families served at Ronald McDonald House come from outside of Vancouver – from communities like yours across BC!

When a child needs life-saving specialist medical treatment, their families must travel to Vancouver. They can be there for weeks, months or even a year. Hotel stays are expensive, siblings need to be cared for, and staying in the hospital long-term is unsustainable.

RMH BC provides accommodation and support these families, saving them over \$6,000 per month in expenses and helping to ease emotional burdens. By staying at RMH BC, families from your community are stronger and better able to cope with their child's medical crisis.

The Ronald McDonald Family Room at Surrey Memorial Hospital also provides accommodation and support for families from Fraser Valley communities when their child is hospitalized.

Who can stay at Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon?

The families who stay at Ronald McDonald House live 50 KM or more outside of Vancouver and have a child who needs treatment at BC Children's Hospital.

Families stay with us for a variety of reasons: cancer treatment, mental health, NICU, transplants, cardiology and more.

RMH BC allows the whole family to stay by their child's side during treatment, including parents, siblings, and often grandparents.

Who funds Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon?

RMH BC depends on community support to provide welcoming accommodation for up to 2,000 families a year. 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 \$125/night

McDonald's funds approximately 30% of the House's budget through grants, McHappy Day proceeds and coin box contributions from customers.

RMH BC receives no government funding.

Learn more at www.rmhbc.ca