**IMPACT 2016 by the numbers**

- **9.5 Nights**: The average length of a stay.
- **14** international countries served
- **43** states served
- **1,407** families that have come through our doors in the past year.
- **10,000+** volunteer hours donated
- **34 years**: Our doors have been open.
- **36** families share our home. We can provide care 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.
- **100%** of our annual operating budget is raised locally.
- **36,000** families served since our opening in 1982.

**Millions of smiles**

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As you read this Year in Review, 36 children and their families are staying with us here at the Ronald McDonald House Baltimore. They have cancer. They were born too early. They have sickle cell disease. They have had strokes. They have illnesses so rare that only a handful of children in the world have the same diagnosis. They need longer legs and stronger hearts. They need to learn how to swallow, to eat, to talk, and to walk again. They have been in car accidents, ski accidents, and freak accidents. They are babies, toddlers, teenagers, and young adults. They come to us at their first diagnosis and they come to us as their last resort. They are the children of the Ronald McDonald House and we love each and every one of them and their remarkable families.

Every week, we receive referrals that far exceed our current capacity. The painful question we have to consider every day is “Who do you choose?” Every afternoon, our team has to make phone calls to the families we can’t help, to exhausted and terrified parents who are already in crisis. We are adding one more layer of worry and stress, instead of lifting their burden and offering respite. To those of us who work and volunteer here, this is an unacceptable reality.

The bigger question is not “Who do you choose?” It is why: “Why do we have to choose?” To change the answer to that question, we are making history at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore by building a brand new house, to meet the incredible growing need for our services.

As we grow, our need grows. We ask for a lot from our community because we need a lot. We are going to need you even more in the years ahead as we work toward breaking ground on this big dream of never having to say no to a family in crisis.

Our Team

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Senior Guest Services Manager

Message from Sandy

In our community, our collective capacity to serve and to love is limitless. Our only limits right now are physical ones – the bricks and mortar limits.

The Ronald McDonald House is known as The House that Love Built. For the next few years, that phrase has another layer of meaning because we will need lots of love and support to build this new house. Together, we can all leave the planet knowing we have done something that matters—built the vessel that will house love, compassion, respite, kindness, comfort, and care for thousands of families for generations to come.

In the year ahead, as we begin to bring our big dream of a new house to reality, we continue to celebrate the brave children, the selfless volunteers, the generous donors, and the loving community that is created every day on Lexington Street. Thank you for all you do for us.
In late August, 200 Golfers came together to play a little golf and raise a lot of money for the Ronald McDonald House. The annual golf event was held at Caves Valley Golf Club and Bulle Rock Golf Course. Combined, the sponsors and golfers raised over $470,000 for the House, so that families can be close to their sick children who are receiving medical treatment in Baltimore. SPECIAL THANKS again go out to Bill Paterakis and Chantelle Keating (Northeast Foods), the driving forces that make this event a success year after year. We could not do it without YOU and the ongoing support of our dedicated Golf Committee members, sponsors, golfers & scores of volunteers that come out every year for the tournament!

Thank you to the 2016 Golf Committee
Bill Paterakis, Rod Mann*, Chantelle Keating, Skip Tendall*, Anita Nucci*, Herb Brown*, Adam Paterakis, Vanessa Paterakis, Buzz Hiken, Sandy Pagnosti, Brenda Brown, Debbie Hood, Lauren Kohr

(*) Golf Committee Members since 1st tournament held in 1985

Congratulations to Our Winners!
1st place Team Champions: Tim Cook, Jerry King, Robb Mackie, Neal Sintek
2nd place: Kevin Hersh, David Kent, Mitch Lindsey, Clay Miller
3rd place: Adam Paterakis, Vanessa Paterakis, John Sfakianos, Eric Smith

Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore
In loving memory of Joyce Brown

Joyce was a part of the foundation of our golf tournament and we are forever grateful for the love and dedication she has shown to RMHC Baltimore for the past 34 years. Joyce was warm, wonderful, kind, caring, loyal and loving. We will miss her so much. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations to Earney Klaus – winner of the 4th annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop. Thank you for donating part of your $10,000. A big shout out to Anita Nucci, RMHC Baltimore board member and golf committee member, for being a major champion of the golf ball drop raffle sales!

Many Thanks to this year’s Sponsors!

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Love in Action

Amazing, incredible and humbling! It’s impossible to truly show our gratitude for your support of the Red Shoe Shuffle 2016.

On behalf of the children and families of RMHC Baltimore, we appreciate every dollar donated and raised, every volunteer hour, every early morning alarm clock set, every step shuffled, and every ounce of love and support shown to our kids and families.

Congratulations to our Winning Runners!

Tyler Muse – 1st place Male Shuffle Winner
Tyler Muse, top finisher Red Shoe Shuffle 4 out of 5 years!
Tyler is an amazing “sole” on and off the course. He runs with lots of heart and love for family & RMHC Baltimore.
Rachel Thomas – 1st place Female Shuffle Winner

Congratulations to our 2016 Fundraising Challenge Winners!

Biggest Team

Most Money Raised by a Team

Most Money Raised by an Individual

“The experience was priceless. Our very loud and exciting group was directly in front of the Baltimore Convention center and we cheered each mother, father, child, supporter and animal in the race! What amazing opportunity to support The Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore... and we can’t wait to do it again!”
– Susanna McPhaull, Miracle City Church

“The first year I ran the Red Shoe Shuffle for my cousin Rachel who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 3 and survived. Now I run it for all the kids that can’t.”
– Tyler Muse, Top Finisher

Lace up for Love at the 6th Annual Red Shoe Shuffle on Sunday, April 2, 2017!
For more information visit www.redshoeshuffle.org.
Thanks to our Shuffle Sponsors!

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We would like to send a special thank you to our hardworking and all around fabulous committee and chairs who made our Second Annual HamburGala a huge success. Special shout out to our auctioneer extraordinaire- Gerry Sandusky! $350,000 was raised!

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Thank You to our Women’s Committee!

This wonderful group of women shows love for our families all year long.

In December, they kicked off the holiday season with a Santa’s Workshop! The children made lots of fun crafts, while their parents were treated to massages! A special thank you to Floyd’s Barbershop for providing free haircuts to our families that night.

In April, the ladies hosted our 2nd Annual Homecoming Pasta Party for all RMHC Baltimore families past and present! Over 30 families from near and far reunited with each other to kick-off our Shuffle weekend! There were plenty of hugs and lots of pasta to go around!

In May, the families were treated to a Mother’s Day Activity night. With a fun photo booth and lots of crafts, the children were able to make heartfelt gifts for their beautiful mamas!

In July, our families were treated to a Drive-In Movie Night! The ladies built cards out of cardboard boxes, and the kids got to decorate them however they wanted to. The feature presentation for the evening was Norm of the North!
It seems like just yesterday that I joined the other founding members of the Red Shoe Crew around a conference room table at the RMHC Baltimore. We talked about our goals, crafted our mission and tossed around ideas about a signature fundraising event. As we look toward the future in our 6th year, I can’t help but feel a wave of excitement. We have a new class of 38 members in addition to our current members, who are eager to continue to contribute. Together, we have held more than 100 service events at RMHC Baltimore and have created The Red Shoe Shuffle that has raised more than $1,200,000 since inception. Our mission as a young professionals group is and always has been to come together and provide service, create awareness of the House in our Community and raise funds for the important programs and services that RMHCB provides to sick children and their families every day. We invite you to join us in this mission!

– Kathleen Bands, President of the Red Shoe Crew
A special shout out to the Hunt Valley Wegmans for catering our Volunteer Appreciation Party! Sending lots of love and thanks your way!

Feeding the Soul, Fortifying the Spirit

Every morning and every night, 365 days a year, Volunteer Groups from all over the state come to our House to prepare homemade meals and host activity hours for our families. Along with the food and fun, you bring your love and compassion to families. We wish we could include you all and hope that you check our Facebook page weekly for photos and thanks to our amazing volunteers.
Volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House was an amazing experience. I now understand the difficulties these families face on a daily basis. They say there is no place like home. While there is no replacement for ‘home’, the Ronald McDonald House comes close by creating a welcoming environment for all. My small contribution to this effort was very rewarding.

“I am so thankful for the Ronald McDonald House. Seeing the volunteers who so selflessly came to help the families in need here just fills me with gratitude.”

“The volunteers and all of their support was overwhelming! My kids have never been (nor will ever be) so spoiled! Simply put, this place is truly a gift from God. Words cannot express how meaningful our experience was here. We are so thankful and humbled to be served by RMHC Baltimore.”

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McDonald’s Support on the Eastern Shore

“The McDonald’s Restaurants of the Eastern Shore and each of our local Owner/Operators have been proud supporters of RMHC Baltimore for more than 30 years. Our Co-Op consists of 5 approved Owner/Operators and one representative of McDonald’s Corporation. In each of our 37 restaurants located along the Eastern Shore of Delaware, Maryland, our local Owner/Operators proudly raise awareness of the House, its families and smallest patients every day. We are proud and honored to be such great partners of RMHC, helping to support their mission of providing a home-away-from-home for families of critically ill children.”

Mike Meoli
President of the Eastern Shore McDonald’s Co-Op

McDonald’s Support in Greater Baltimore

“The McDonald’s Family Restaurants of The Greater Baltimore area and each of our local Owner/Operators have been longtime supporters and partners with Baltimore’s Ronald McDonald House since it opened its doors in 1982. Our Co-Op consist of 22 Owner/Operators, four representatives from McDonald’s Corporation and 135 restaurants which each help to create awareness of the house and its purpose every day. Families are at the heart of who we are and what we do at McDonald’s. Several local McDonald’s Owner/Operators serve on the RMHC Baltimore Board and committees and are dedicated volunteers for the house in an effort to continue supporting their mission.”

Jeff Taylor
President of the Greater Baltimore McDonald’s Co-Op.

Our wonderful partners at McDonald’s celebrating at this year’s HamburGala!

We remember…

George Zolman was a tremendous supporter of RMHC Baltimore. A member of the Baltimore Co-Op, George began working for McDonald’s when he was 16 years old. Through hard work he advanced to Store Manager, Field Service Manager and eventually, Owner/Operator of several McDonald’s restaurants. He was an avid outdoorsman and devoted family man. We at RMHC Baltimore will be forever grateful for his support and generosity. He will be missed…

George Zolman (second from the left) at the annual RMH/Deborah Paterakis Golf Classic
Small Change Makes a Big Difference!

A penny here. A quarter there. It might not seem like much – but it adds up and helps a lot of families at the RMHC Baltimore.

Last year, nearly $300k was raised in donation boxes at participating area McDonald’s restaurants in Greater Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore.

532 RMHC Donation Boxes are located in McDonald’s restaurants throughout Maryland, available for customers to donate spare change to help local RMHC families.

A full donation box can cover the cost of a family’s stay at RMHC Baltimore for up to 3 nights, so families can stay close together while their children receive critical medical care at a Baltimore area hospital.

McDonald’s Restaurants help RMHC Baltimore in many ways!

Many of our McDonald’s Family engage with RMHC Baltimore families throughout the year. They volunteer at the House, serve as board & committee members, sponsor and attend the Red Shoe Shuffle 5k, Golf Classic and HamburGala events. They wholeheartedly support the Baltimore House inside and outside of the restaurants, which enables our local community to help families be together during medical crisis.

Thank you McDonald’s!

McDonald’s Baltimore Washington regional teams come monthly to RMHC Baltimore to prepare a delicious Sunday Morning Breakfast. (Front row, Ted, Kyle, Kevin, Valerie; Back row: Kann, Lynnette, Latonya, Almous)
October 2, 2014 at 12:36 am... the exact moment I received the news that would change the course of our life... “they found a mass on her brain.” Our little princess Kiara, just a month from turning 6 years old... had a brain tumor. This is the exact moment we began depending on people: friends, family, and strangers to get us through what would be some of the most difficult moments of our life. We are the “Grindrod 5” Jeremiah, Keren, Jameson, Kiara (Warrior Princess Kiara) and Kylie, we live in sunny Scottsdale, AZ. Our story isn’t one of sorrow, or tragedy. Instead it is a story with much difficulty and trial, but even more blessings and miracles.

That “mass” turned out to be cancer, and we soon found out that cancer had spread aggressively to her spine; Metastatic Medulloblastoma officially to the medical community; heartbreaking, confusing, and consuming to our family. A nine hour brain surgery in Phoenix removed the tumor. It also left our Princess with virtually no motor skills, unable to talk, walk, swallow, move her arms, turn her head, or even blink on cue. Although things looked bleak and we were given heartbreaking odds, FAITH and the foundation of our family kept us believing. As we sought treatment options we were accepted into a clinical trial at St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. We arrived the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Kiara began 6 weeks of high dose radiation. As we approached the end of radiation Keren and I began seeking out rehab facilities for Kiara. We had a 6 week break before the start of a 7 month cycle of chemotherapy. Kiara was still not walking, talking, couldn’t control her arms, was on a feeding tube, but she was smiling and laughing! We were connected, and accepted into an intense inpatient rehab at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD. This is where our first encounter with our friends at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore began. Early on, we committed that through it all The Grindrod 5 would stick together, no splitting up. For 6 weeks- Jameson, Kylie, and I had a place to stay- a place that was “home”. We spent every possible second at KKI visiting Kiara and Keren, but Miss Ashley (or Ash-uh-lee as Kylie pronounces it) and...
Kylie quickly became besties. During this time Kiara started talking again and began controlling her arms and head. We were overjoyed! Kiara had another minor brain surgery (is there such thing as minor brain surgery?) and we headed back to Memphis for Kiara to begin the grueling 7 months of chemo that awaited us. I honestly thought we had said our goodbyes and would be back to Baltimore someday as tourists, but we have learned that we cannot predict what is ahead.

After 7 months of intense chemo we celebrated Warrior Princess Kiara’s 7th birthday with the news that she had kicked cancer’s butt! While the joy of this news had us riding high- there was still much rehab to be done. During the 7 months Kiara had progressed mightily- she could walk with a walker, was off her feeding tube and eating most of her favorite foods. Her speech was clear, and she was coloring and even writing her name again. While we desperately wanted to go home, we decided to head back to KKI in Baltimore for more rehab. We were blessed to get back into the RMHC Baltimore, Kylie was ecstatic to see her bestie Ash-uh-lee again. We planned on a month or two; hoping to be home by Thanksgiving. We finally left on January 31 after staying almost 5 months. During this time we encountered some of the best people we have had the honor of meeting in our lives. We have a motto in our family “Love looks like something”; meaning that love shows up in action not just words. Love is the only word I can give that describes how we were treated during our time at the RMHC Baltimore. There are too many stories to share of people going above and beyond for us. We were strangers and you loved us with your time, talents and finances. From craft time, pet therapy, wonderful meals, and a Seahawks vs. Ravens game... too many people to list and thank. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years - we were treated as family, and made memories to last a lifetime.

In 2015, Kiara and her family were invited to light the Washington Monument during Baltimore’s 44th Annual Monument Lighting Ceremony!
To the volunteers that give of the most valuable commodity- time, we thank you. To those of you who give financially, thank you. You have never met my family, but you allowed us to stay together during the most difficult of battles. Lastly, to the staff of RMHC Baltimore: In life, we should all do “work that matters”, thank you for daily dedicating yourselves to work that makes a difference in people’s lives. Your kindness, friendship, and love are imprinted on our hearts for eternity. While we are overjoyed at being home in sunny Arizona, we miss our friends and look forward to seeing your faces again.

As I write this, Kiara is rehabbing like a champion and she continues to get stronger. We believe she will be again walking soon. She starts horse therapy in the fall, and her 1 year scans are on her 8th Birthday. We believe we will be celebrating the monumental news of 1 year cancer free! Be blessed friends, we love and pray for all of you!

Lastly, thank you to the “doers”, the people we have met during the past two years that serve, love, give, all without knowing or expecting anything in return.

Love,

**The Grindrod 5**
Over 50 years ago, Mr. Paterakis shook hands and made a business deal with Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald’s, to make the hamburger buns for McDonald’s. Beyond the business, that simple act of trust, honor and decency between 2 men – a handshake - has evolved into an embrace of tens of thousands of children and families from all over the world. For the past 3 decades, the Paterakis Family has made it their family mission to sustain the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. John Paterakis’ sons, daughters, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws and many of his grandchildren are all active and loving volunteers of our House. His son Bill is a Past Board Chair and current Capital Campaign Chair, and daughter Vanessa is on our Executive Committee and co-chaired our recent HamburGala. Many of our donors to the New House campaign are longtime friends and admirers of Mr. Paterakis... and their leadership gifts have been very specifically to honor his significance in their own lives and businesses.

To say that this family is the foundation of our House is not an overstatement. John Paterakis Sr., has left his imprint on us, and on Baltimore. Most importantly, with his family. We celebrate and honor his life.

Edward “Bubs” Hafferman

Each year families come to us in search of hope and healing for their sick child. For most, miracles are found at our world class Baltimore Hospitals. For some, the journey ends here. We remember them all and they remain a part of our history and our hearts forever. Edward Michael “Bubs” Hafferman left his heartprints on us all.

Diane Miller

The Ronald McDonald House family lost a true friend... Diane Miller, who passed in October after losing a courageous fight against ovarian cancer.

Diane Miller, and her husband, David, have supported the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore for many years. Through the Lindsey Joelle Miller Memorial Fund, they have honored their daughter’s memory by introducing “Lindsey’s Kitties.” Since 2013, each child who stays at the RMHC Baltimore is given a soft, cuddly stuffed kitten to hug and hold. These precious gifts greet each family as they check into their room at the RMH and give great joy and comfort to each child who stays with us.

When we think about Diane what immediately comes to mind is that she exuded class and kindness always and handled herself with tremendous strength, dignity and grace. She was loved and respected by all at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. Diane was truly a wonderful lady and she will be deeply missed.
Thank you to Police, firefighters, ABC2 News and Pete O’Neal for stopping by RMHC Baltimore with lots of toys during the 17th annual It’s Kindertime Toy Drive!

THANK YOU to our friends at Giant for catering our Annual Holiday Open House!

Thank you to the ladies of the MD Farm Bureau for bringing wish list items and warm cozy pajamas for our families!

Thank you to Kira and Jason for hosting RMHCB family Robby and Katy at the Ravens game as Ed Reed was inducted into the Ring of Honor!

After a very important fire safety lesson, the BCFD showered our families with gifts, and let the children sit in the fire truck, blow the horn, and squirt the hose! Thanks for showing our families the true meaning of a hero! Pictured left is the Grindrod family with Board Member, and Fire Chief, Niles Ford!

Thank you to the Paterakis Family for hosting their annual dinner in honor of their beloved wife, mother and sister, Deborah Paterakis. We look forward to this extravagant meal every year! And thank you to the Mirmiran family for joining the Paterakis family to hand out gift cards to our families to make holiday shopping a little easier!

Our flag has been around the world and back this year! Check out our Red Shoe Crew members Mike and Lindsay with the flag in Heidelberg, Germany!

Thank you to Rising Sun’s Monday Morning Bingo Gang who visited us this year and played bingo with our families!

RMHCB kids had the best time this summer at camp thanks to our fantastic counselor, Sarah!

Thank you to everyone who hosted wish list drives for RMHCB this year, especially one of our very own RMHCB guest, Nevaeh!
Thank you to Medals4Mettles for honoring our RMHC super families with these beautiful medals this year!

Thank you to Legg Mason for designing a family game night tree for Kennedy Krieger’s Festival of Trees, and donating it to the Grindrod family. It made spending Christmas in Baltimore a little bit easier for them!

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Thank you to Hugs from Lucie for stuffing our cubbies with these cuddly bears!

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Thank you to the Message of Hope Foundation and UPS for stopping by RMHC Baltimore to spread kindness and deliver Happy Hope Bags!

Thank you to Guintos Helping Hands for playing bingo with our families for some amazing prizes!

Thank you to the Baltimore Ravens for once again hosting our families at training camp this year!

Thank you to UniverSoul Circus for stopping by and performing acts from around the world for our families!

Thank you to Tavon Mason for hosting an Activity Hour for our families and bringing pajamas and slippers of all sizes!

We love therapy dogs! Here’s a great photo of Alex, with long time dog-volunteer, Kevin!

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Thank you to everyone who donated their tabs this year to raise money to gas up our shuttle!
Hosting an external fundraiser for RMHC Baltimore is a wonderful way to support us. It allows you to be creative and part of a rewarding experience that gives back to children and families that need our support at a crucial time in their lives. The proceeds raised help provide services for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

For more information, contact Lauren Olean, at lkohr@rmhc.baltimore.org or 410.528.1010 x114 or visit http://www.rmhc.baltimore.org/events/host-an-event/

Thank you to our friends Zach McDaniels and PHILANTHROPIK for hosting another incredible fundraiser and toy drive for RMHCB!

PHILANTHROPIK

Thank you to Dave Davis and the Ridgley Lions Club for hosting the Strawberry Chase 5k Run and Walk to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore!

Strawberry Chase 5k

Thanks to our friends at The Grill at Harryman House in Reisterstown, for hosting our very own CEO Sandy Pagnotti and RMHCB friend John McDonogh as Guest Bartenders this summer!

Harryman House

Thank you to the Thunder Hill Swim Team in Columbia for hosting their annual Swim-a-Ton this summer for RMHC Baltimore!!

Thunder Hill Swim-a-Ton

Thank you to Ellen Allen Annapolis for a fun “clutch” luncheon at Chartwell Country Club to benefit RMHCB Baltimore!

Ellen Allen Annapolis

Thank you to Flowers & Fancies for selling these beautiful bouquets through their “Blooms 4 a Better Bmore” program to benefit RMHCB and for all you do for us all year long!

Flowers and Fancies

Thank you to Gebhart Properties for hosting the 8th Annual Cockeysville Fall Festival to benefit RMHCB Baltimore again this year!

Cockeysville Fall Festival

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Jeans days
Thank you to all of the companies and schools who hosted jeans days for their students and employees this year, especially Countryside Elementary School and Provident State Bank. By wearing jeans to school and work, students and employees raised lots of money for our families!

ACAC
Thank you to our friends at ACAC for hosting their 30 for 30 fundraiser to benefit RMH this past Spring! The fitness club offered 30 day memberships for $30.00, and every dollar came to RMHCB.

IREM Maryland Chapter Number 16 Charity Golf
The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) Maryland Chapter Number 16 hosted a charity golf tournament that benefitted RMHCB this summer! Thanks for golfing for the kids!

Team Dolan Paint Night
Former RMHCB parents, Sobra and Denny, raise money in the Red Shoe Shuffle every year to remember their son Dolan. This year, their town hosted multiple paint nights to help raise funds! Check out their turnout! Thank you for keeping Dolan’s memory alive, and RMHCB close to your heart.

Toyota Game Room Grant
Thank you to the great people at Toyota for awarding us with a grant to renovate our game room!

ACN Conference
Thank you to ACN, who hosted their annual conference in Baltimore this summer and invited RMHCB to come set up a booth to raise awareness. In addition to collecting donations at the booth, RMHCB’s very own Rakeem, and Board Member Mark Brodinsky spoke about RMHCB in front of the entire conference audience.

Orioles Game with The Moyer Team
The Moyer Team at Re/Max 100 hosted their clients at an Orioles game this summer. In return for a night at the game, The Moyer Team asked for everyone to make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. Thanks for knocking this fundraiser out of the park!

Carnival Cruise Line
Thank you to the amazing people at Carnival Cruise Line for stopping by during the holiday season and hosting a Dr. Seuss themed party and bringing a grant for RMHCB!

Interludes with Impact Benefit Concert
Thank you to the Modern Woodmen of America for hosting a benefit concert with Voice Finalist Mary Sarah Gross and Maggie Thorne to raise money for RMHCB!
Please support RMHC Baltimore with a Tribute Gift. This is a wonderful way to add meaning to a special occasion and honor or remember a friend or loved one while, at the same time, helping RMHCB families. When you make a Tribute Gift to RMHC Baltimore, we will send a personalized message on your behalf recognizing your generosity and support.

Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a “Just because” are ideal ways to let people know that you are thinking of them. Tribute Gifts are 100% tax-deductible and can be made at www.rmhcbaltimore.org or by phone (410) 528.1010 x105.

**Thank You from Around the World!**

At RMHC Baltimore, we have families that stay with us from all over the world. We would not be able to make them feel at home without the love and support of our community. No matter how we say it, the meaning remains the same. Here are some of our families from around the world saying THANK YOU!

- **Teşekkür Ederim**  
  Angel from Turkey

- **NaGood**  
  Jesse from Nigeria

- **Gracias**  
  Andrea from Puerto Rico

- **Efcharistó**  
  Konstantino from Greece

- **Shukran**  
  Lulu from Kuwait

- **Spasibo**  
  Georgie from Russia
Ways to GIVE

- **Become a member of the Ronald McDonald House Annual Giving Society** and help provide the sustainable revenue that pays for the day-to-day operation of our House. Gifts to the Annual Giving Society provide a foundation that covers the operational needs of our House and contributes to the vital services and love and care extended to the RMHC Baltimore families. For more information, please contact Debbie Hood, Vice President, at 410-528-1010 x105 or dhood@rmhcbaltimore.org.

- **Organize an outside fundraiser.** Whether it’s a lemonade stand, a company jeans day, a happy hour or a golf outing, the proceeds will help make sure children won’t have to go through their illness alone. [http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/events/host-an-event/](http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/events/host-an-event/)

- **Donate your change** to a McDonald’s donation box in your local store. RMHC Donation Boxes are hosted in restaurants and enable McDonald’s customers to support the House by donating change in the canisters. [http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/partners/mcdonalds-partnership/](http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/partners/mcdonalds-partnership/)

- **Support our Adopt-A-Night Program** to help subsidize a family’s stay at Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. Our goal is to have every family sponsored, every night of every year. Your generosity will help parents sleep a bit easier. [http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/how-to-help/adopt-a-night/](http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/how-to-help/adopt-a-night/)

- **Donate Stock or Remember RMHC Baltimore in Your Will.** With just a little planning and a big heart, you can give hope and comfort to sick children and their families. You can support future generations of RMHC Baltimore families by making a planned gift today. A charitable gift can offer benefits for you and help future generations of RMHC Baltimore families. [http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/how-to-help/donate/planned-giving/](http://www.rmhcbaltimore.org/how-to-help/donate/planned-giving/)
Support the RMHCB Annual Giving Society

Become a member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore Annual Giving Society and help provide the sustainable revenue that pays for the day-to-day operation of our House. We are an independent 501(c)(3) charity solely responsible for raising our annual operating budget.

Every gift to the Annual Giving Society is a gift to help a family and much more. Annual support and donations are vital to our success and sustainability.

Please Join the Annual Giving Society Today...
You can arrange an automatic monthly gift. To find out how and for more information on supporting the Annual Society, please contact Debbie Hood, Vice President, at 410.528.1010 x105 or dhood@rmhcbaltimore.org.

“We are honored to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore to help to provide a place of respite for children and their families during one of the most difficult times of their lives.”


Each of the primary hospitals we serve supports the RMHCB Annual Giving Society. As a direct recipient of our resources, the hospitals acknowledge the circle we share and our need for their sustainable support. Together we support the health and well-being of thousands of children.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation continues to be a lead Caring Partner in a momentous demonstration of support for our mission. We are grateful for the tremendous impact the Foundation gift makes every year.
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Sneak Peek!

Check out the Heart of Our New House...
The Kitchen!

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Ronald McDonald House
We’re out to raise a million dollars for our new RMH. Are you game?

Here’s the opportunity to make a million-dollar difference – the Kahlert Foundation will match every donation to Our New House Campaign up to $500,000! That’s right, every donation made by December 31st, will be matched dollar-for-dollar. A $50 donation turns into $100. A $500 donation turns into $1,000. Now is the time to make a difference and double your impact by using the envelope in the center of this magazine to mail a meaningful donation back to RMHCB!

And there is another way you can help. Play our Million Dollar Match game since EVERY time you play, the Kahlert Foundation will make a $1 donation to help us build the new Ronald McDonald House. Fun for all ages, this free game available at rmhcbmillionmatch.com is a race against the clock. Match as many cards as possible and learn some new information about us along the way. Play as many times as you like, challenge your friends, and then play again!

Read more about the Amazing Kahlerts below and help us raise $1 million to ensure that no family is ever turned away again.

Q&A with Greg and Roberta

How did you get involved with RMHC Baltimore and why?
Our good friend Sue Schaefer is a volunteer at RMHCB and recommended we come see for ourselves what a wonderful organization it is. We visited and were so impressed that we decided right then and there we wanted to become involved. For several years we have been working with Sandy Pagnotti and Debbie Hood and they are two of the most passionate and dedicated directors of the existing house and champions for the new house. They are very caring people doing a terrific job.

The Kahlert Foundation’s generous matching grant will put the House closer to its campaign goal and make the new Ronald McDonald House more of a reality. Why is it important to the Kahlert family that a new House be built?
The existing house simply cannot accommodate all the families of sick children in the area. There is so much caring and heart at the RMHCB that having to turn away a family because of availability is very difficult. The new RMHCB will significantly increase the number of families receiving love and attention.

What kind of involvement have you had in the Baltimore House over the past few years?
The Kahlert Foundation started making annual grants to RMHCB in May of 2014. We have participated in The Red Shoe Shuffle, the Gala’s and the Christmas Parties. All wonderful events and great experiences.

A few questions about the Kahlert Foundation – when was the Kahlert Foundation created?
The Kahlert Foundation was founded in 1991 by William “Bill” Kahlert. Two of our focus areas are health care and childrens programs, of which the RMHCB are great examples of both. My daughter Heather lives in Utah and through the foundation we provided funding to help enhance their new Ronald McDonald house in the Salt Lake City area.

Greg and Roberta Kahlert
“Your child is critically ill.”

Five terrifying words that spark fear in a parent’s heart. It is a nightmare made worse when they learn that their child’s best hope for survival is hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles from home. In Baltimore, we are truly blessed. Home to six world-renowned pediatric hospitals, our community offers access to some of the most cutting-edge pediatric treatment that medicine has to offer. Because of this, each year thousands of children are referred here for life-saving medical care. They come with their families for the one thing their own communities cannot offer – hope for a future.

Alone and in an unfamiliar city, these families find physical and emotional refuge through Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. Since 1982, Baltimore’s Ronald McDonald House has been a home away from home for more than 36,000 families and their seriously ill children.

For every family we help, we have to turn many more away. 365 days a year, 36 families call Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore home. There is always a waiting list. Most recently, it has been as high as 35 families a night who we had to give the heartbreaking news that RMHCB had no rooms available. 550 families who needed our comfort and care were forced to either cancel or postpone their child’s treatment.

Baltimore’s reputation for highly specialized and effective pediatric care is a source of pride for our community, but it is also leading to a dramatic increase in the need for the programs and services offered by Ronald McDonald House Charities Baltimore. Demand for services already dramatically outpaces the resources of our current house. This is why we must take action now. Our families need us and we need your help.

Our vision is to never say no to a family in crisis. The heart of this vision is a new 60,000 square-foot Ronald McDonald House that will double our current capacity. We are pleased to share that we recently passed the $21M raised milestone on our way to the $28.8M needed to build the dream. This is tremendous progress but we still have a long way to go. We need your help in getting to the finish line in 2017. Please visit rmhccharitiesbaltimore.org/ournewhouse to learn how you, your family, and friends can help the Campaign for Our New House. Thanks to the generosity of the Kahler Foundation, all donations made in November and December will be matched 100% through our Million Dollar Match (see opposite page for details).

With your support, we hope to break ground this Spring. Construction will happen over an 18 to 24 month time period. The New House will open in 2018 in Historic Jonestown at 1 Aisquith Street.

For the past year, we have shared the rendering of what the New House will look like outside. Take a look on page 3 as we share the first look inside the house – a preview of the kitchen, which is the heart of the house.

Look for more updates from us as we head toward groundbreaking, construction, and ribbon cutting in the next few years. Thank you for your past, present, and future commitments to The House That Love Built.
We're out to raise a MILLION DOLLARS! Are you game? See Page 2