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OUR NEW HOUSE



Creating Impact for Future Generations

It's been an exciting Spring at the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to early leadership gifts, we were able to "go public" with the **Campaign for Our New House** on April 10th by announcing that we have reached \$17.2 million of our \$25 million goal. We are humbled by the support of the Baltimore community in helping to create a legacy of care for families in crisis. Together we have an incredible opportunity to create impact that will be felt for generations to come.

As Campaign Co-Chairs & RMH President, we witness firsthand the constant and growing need for a larger, more accessible home for the families who need us. Our waiting list each night continues to be as high as 35 families. While our mission is to provide a home away from home for critically ill children and their families, our ultimate goal is to never have to turn away a family in need. The RMH team describes the House as "Ritz meets Disney meets Gramma's House." That's what we strive to do -- provide families with everything they could

want or need, including fun, love, and compassion, during the most difficult time in their lives. For the past 34 years, our community has helped us to do just that.

We are moving full steam ahead and plan to break ground before the end of 2016. Construction will happen over an 18 to 24 month time period and the House will open in 2018 in Historic Jonestown at 1 Aisquith Street.

We still have a long way to go to reach our \$25 million goal. Please visit rmhcbaltimore.org/ournewhouse to learn how you and your friends can help the Campaign and assist in spreading the word about the **Campaign for Our New House**.

We are pleased to share this first edition of Our New House campaign update. 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.

A family in need, with a child who they love at so much risk, will have a place to stay during treatment.

- Beth & Peter Rosenwald
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*Help Us Reach
Our Goal!*

\$25 Million

Amount
Raised:
\$17.2 Million

As of
June 1, 2016



Why it matters...

The Grindrod's Story

In November of 2014, doctors found a brain tumor in 6 year old Kiara Grindrod. Kiara was immediately taken into surgery for the biggest battle of her life, brain cancer. For the next 9 months, Kiara and her family spent time at the St. Jude Campus in Memphis and then 6 months here at the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore attending the Kennedy Krieger Institute for rehabilitation. Kiara worked tirelessly to gain back the ability to walk, talk, eat, and play on her own.

Kiara and her siblings, Jameson and Kylie are beloved by the RMH staff and the Baltimore community. While staying at the House, Kiara was invited by the Downtown Partnership to light the Washington Monument as Baltimore was lit up for the holidays. Jameson became known for his kind and generous heart and always looking out for his sisters. Kylie's spirit filled the entire house, a friend to everyone. Keren and Jeramiah, the parents of these three amazing kids, are strong and faithful people who spent their time in Baltimore humbled and with gratitude for everything.

In February, the Grindrods left Baltimore and moved home to Arizona. Kiara is still working hard to gain back her strength and abilities. She has been cancer free for 6 months and is feeling a sense of normalcy. In a recent update on their Facebook page, we found out that Kiara bought her first pair of high heels and helped her younger sister Kylie learn to ride a bike. Follow Kiara's story on their Facebook page at Prayers for Warrior Princess Kiara.

Kiara and family with City Council President, Jack Young; President of the Downtown partnership, Kirby Fowler; RMH President, Sandy Pagnotti; The Baltimore Police Department



Thank you from the Grindrod Family

Hello!

Just wanted to take a quick second and let you know we arrived home safely!

As our days dwindled down last week, I struggled to find the appropriate way to say thank you to the staff and volunteers at RMHC Baltimore. The journey we have been on the past 15 months has not been without difficulty, in fact some of the hardest moments of our lives. Yet what stands out vividly to me are the doers...the people who love with nothing to gain.

People have asked about The Ronald McDonald House and what it was like, and how hard it must have been to be there that long, etc. Honestly, though, we felt as if we were with family. The love that was shown to us by your staff and team is imprinted on our hearts for eternity. So much was beyond the scope of "doing our job". The kids are overjoyed to be home but they already "miss their friends". You have given us great memories, and greater friendships during our time with you.

In life, we should all strive to do "work that matters". Thank you for dedicating yourself to work that truly makes a difference in people's lives

God Bless You,

The Grindrod's

Jeramiah, Keren, Jameson, Kiara & Kylie



Kiara with younger sister Kylie, Red Shoe Crew Member Lindsay and her dog Chester at RMH's Pet Therapy