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Thank you for helping keep families close to their ill or injured children.

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Foundation Matching Gift Doubles Your Impact to Help More Families

The Mehle Family Foundation has offered to match every dollar you give to the Ronald McDonald House, up to \$5,000 in total matching funds. That means your gift will be DOUBLED and more families like the Wingfield's can be close to the medical care their family needs.

Thirteen-year-old Scarlet's passion shines in everything she does. Whether she's being creative by painting or drawing, or determinedly earning all A's in school, her enthusiasm is inspiring to everyone around her.

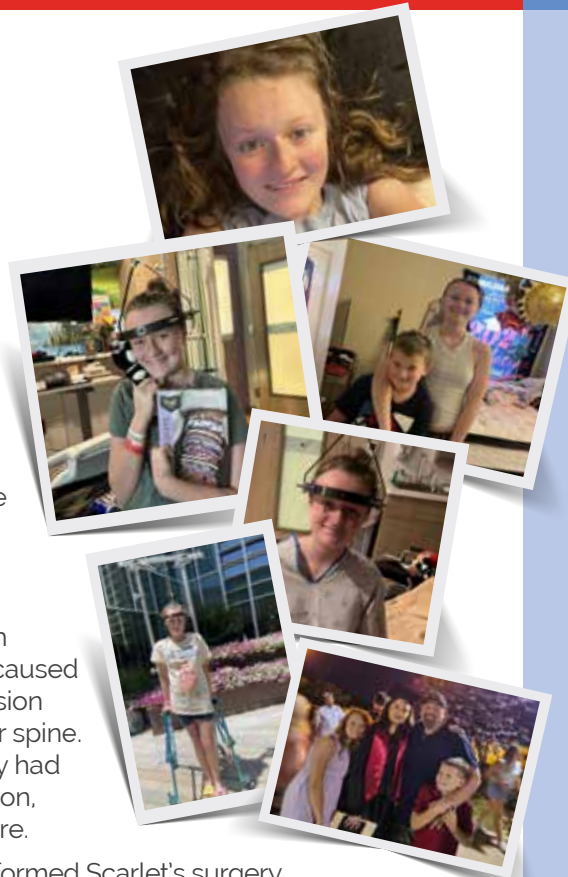
Scarlet faced a daunting challenge. Diagnosed with scoliosis, the severe 85-degree curve in her spine caused her immense pain. Her condition required spinal fusion surgery, involving rods and screws to straighten her spine. This critical procedure meant Scarlet and her family had to journey over 200 miles from their home in Branson, Missouri, to Columbia for the necessary medical care.

Dr. Hoernschemeyer, an RMHC board member, performed Scarlet's surgery and recommended her family stay at the Ronald McDonald House. The Wingfield family was unfamiliar with the House but soon discovered its incredible support.

"To say staying at the House gave us relief is an understatement; it provided my family with so much more," Jeffrey, Scarlet's father, shared. "We would have faced a significant financial burden, but the Ronald McDonald House lifted that worry, allowing us to focus entirely on supporting Scarlet during her recovery."

For three weeks, the Ronald McDonald House became their sanctuary. The kindness of the staff and the comfort of the Ronald McDonald Family Room, an oasis within the hospital where they could grab a snack or find peace, made all the difference. Surrounded by her family's unwavering support and encouragement, Scarlet's surgery was a success. She's now back home, taking her first steps toward recovery with determination and hope.

Thank you for sharing what you can to help give critically sick or injured children and their families support, strength and a place to stay together. This month, your impact goes twice as far!



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The New Mid-Missouri Ronald McDonald House®

A Home for Now and Hope For Tomorrow



On June 14th, the doors opened to the new mid-Missouri Ronald McDonald House located at 1110 South College Avenue. Our ribbon-cutting ceremony brought together supporters, volunteers and guest families to celebrate this milestone. Each family cut a ribbon in front of their guest room, symbolizing the start of a new chapter. This new, larger House gives us the ability to serve even more families and expand our support system to those who need us most.



The new 24-guest room Ronald McDonald House is just steps away from the MU Health Care Children's Hospital, ensuring that families can stay close to their sick or injured children during critical times. The close proximity not only allows caregivers to be there for their children, but it also alleviates the financial burden of lodging and travel for families.



Guest Room



Laundry Room



Kitchen



Thank you for being a part of our community and for helping us build the Ronald McDonald House where love and hope flourish. We are so proud of the countless supporters who have made this possible.

The House offers new amenities to guest families such as a fitness room, a business center and outdoor serenity spaces. It also provides families with their own private guest room with an attached bathroom, laundry facility, a large kitchen, multi-purpose family room for relaxation and socialization and dedicated play areas for children. Another notable space is the Day Pass Room. This room is reserved for families who travel to Columbia for the day and need a space to rest between medical appointments.

The Ronald McDonald House is more than just a bed for sleeping. It provides compassionate support, daily amenities families require, and is just minutes away from their sick or injured child - all at no cost to them.

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We are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions from individuals, organizations, and local and regional businesses,” said Terri Gray, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri. “Thanks to the support of our community, we are able to offer all our amenities and services to families free of charge, making their challenging circumstances a little more bearable.

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Multi-Purpose Room



Exercise Room



Hearth Room



The Ronald McDonald Family Room[®]

We have exciting news to share!

The Ronald McDonald Family Room is open and serving families! When your child is ill, it can be hard to be more than just a few steps away from their bedside in the hospital. Kids and parents need to be close to each other so they can fight together. The Ronald McDonald Family Room provides a quiet place for families, inside the hospital, to recharge, grab a nutritious bite to eat, do laundry, shower or even spend the night.

The opening of the Ronald McDonald Family Room is a big step forward in our mission to expand support to even more families in need. Being able to provide these essential services removes barriers, strengthens families and promotes healing when children and families need it most. We're so grateful to MU Health Care and all of our wonderful supporters for making this space a reality.



Away From Home, But Not Alone

You Helped a Family Stay Near Their Baby

The Zammito's were overjoyed when they discovered that they would be adding another member to their family - a baby girl. Mary was born on April 25, 2024 at the MU Health Care Children's Hospital and was immediately transferred to the NICU. While Joshua and Adrienne were excited to meet their daughter for the first time, their joy quickly turned to worry. "No parent is ever prepared for the moment when you get told your child is sick," said Joshua.

Mary spent the next 47 days in the NICU, growing stronger and hitting the necessary milestones before she could go home. During this time, Joshua had to return to work and stay with their three other children in Jefferson City. Meanwhile, Adrienne found the comforts of home at the Ronald McDonald House. Joshua and their three sons made the trip to Columbia as often as possible to visit Mary and Adrienne. The Ronald McDonald House gave them a place to gather and be a family again.

"Staying in a hotel for over a month would have been hard on us financially, so not having to worry about where to stay to be close to Mary was such a great help," Joshua said. "I never thought my family was going to have to use something like this because no one plans on having a child in the hospital until you are standing in that situation."

Now, Mary is a thriving baby, weighing seven pounds and hitting all her milestones. The Zammito family loves having Mary home and is catching up on all the love and cuddles they missed. "I am always spreading the word about Round-Up at McDonald's," Joshua said. "It is a small way everyone can give back to the Ronald McDonald House that helps so many families, including mine."



What are other ways I can financially support RMHC of Mid-Missouri?



Matching Gift from your Employer



Stock Transfer



Donor-Advised Funds



Estate Gift



Include RMHC Mid-MO in Retirement Plan Assets



Name RMHC Mid-MO as Life Insurance Beneficiary



IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution



Nap Tax Credits

Effective through Dec. 31, 2024 - a 50% tax credit for campaign gifts of \$1,000 and above to qualified donors.

For additional information or to discuss options, contact Ashlee Smith, Sr. Director of Philanthropy at (573) 554-5455 or ashlee@rmhcmidmo.org.

Caring Partners

Caring Partners are vital in helping the mid-Missouri Ronald McDonald House keep families together during their sick child's time of need. We rely on local businesses and organizations to provide financial and in-kind support to offset expenses associated with operating our programs. From sponsoring one of our signature events, to providing family meals or volunteering, our Caring Partners support our mission in countless ways. Thank you for your partnership and generosity!

2023 Caring Partners

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| ACME Constructors, Inc. | Consultants LLC | Lakota Coffee Company | - Evening |
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Our friends, our partners, our foundation. To meet our growing financial needs, ensure long-term financial viability, and to recognize our most generous donors, we established an annual giving program, the Cornerstone Society. With a gift or annual pledge of \$1,000 or more, donors are considered a member of the Cornerstone Society. Our Cornerstone Society members are the embodiment of compassion today and hope for tomorrow. They allow us to build a community of support for families going through some of the hardest days of their lives while their child is seriously ill. Together, we are keeping families close when it matters most.

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Make a Meal. Make a Difference.



We are so excited to welcome volunteers back into our kitchen!

Offering a home-cooked meal is one of the most important ways volunteers can provide our guest families with the comfort of home, especially after a long day at the hospital caring for their sick or injured child. Thanks to our **Provide a Meal Program**, dinners are prepared by volunteer groups at the House every evening. We need your help to continue providing this source of comfort to those who call the Ronald McDonald House their home away from home.

Currently, this is our greatest volunteer need!

By signing up to cook a meal, your group will select the menu, provide the ingredients, and prepare a meal at the House for 35-55 people on your scheduled day (depending on our occupancy).

To select a date to volunteer, visit rmhcmidmo.org/provide-a-meal.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Hedges, Volunteer Manager at Alex@rmhcmidmo.org or (573) 554-5455.

2025 SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar and join us for our annual fundraising events!



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APRIL 25, 2025



JUNE 7, 2025



Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Mid-Missouri

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

For more information visit: rmhcmidmo.org/events