



CHARITIES Committee

Tom Meade, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

Report by

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Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House is a temporary home for families with hospitalized children that is located next to Women & infants, Hasbro Children's and Rhode Island Hospitals. Parents of hospitalized children going through similar situations can find support there.



Ronald McDonald House
PROVIDENCE

The House has twenty-eight bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, dining area, a family room with play area, fitness room, laundry facilities, and an enclosed courtyard and patio.

The average cost of a hotel in Providence is \$154 per night. For families who face medical bills, time off from work, etc. this cost is overwhelming.

Ronald McDonald House provides programs that directly improve the health and well being of hospitalized children and their families. These programs allow families to spend additional time with a sick child, help ease financial burdens, provide a sense of normalcy and keep families together during times of medical crisis.



Tina Ledo, Development Associate of Ronald McDonald House Providence accepted RISAA donation

Each year nearly 300 families stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Providence and an additional 1,900 enjoy the comforts of the family room.

The provide day use for families that may be close enough to the hospital to stay with a loved one during the day and return home at night. The day program allows families to visit the house from 9AM to 9PM and enjoy the comforts of home only steps away from their child. This includes free coffee, healthy lunches, drinks and snacks, a home cooked meal every night, private showers, nap rooms, fitness room, laundry facilities, support from other families going through similar situations and 24 hour shuttle service from House to hospitals.

There are 300 of them world wide. They started in 1989 – this is their 30th Anniversary.

The Ronald McDonald House of Providence is located at 45 Gay Street, Providence.

If you would like to make a personal donation or volunteer in some way call them at 401-274-4447. Check out their website at rmhprovidence.org.

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