

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



RMHC<sup>®</sup>  
of the Red River Valley



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## OUR MISSION

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Keeping families together and providing the comforts of home while their kids receive medical care.





## ABOUT

# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY

**Our two core programs enable families to spend more time with their sick children, to interact with their doctors, and to be involved in important decisions about their child's care. Much of a family's ability to stay close to their child during illness is related to unexpected costs that families face and their means to cover these. Costs of hotel rooms, eating out, traveling from home, missed work, and medical bills are just a few challenges that families face.**

The Ronald McDonald House provides housing for families with children 21 or younger who are receiving care at Sanford Health, Essentia Health, Eating Disorder and Weight Management Institute, Roger Maris Cancer Center or Prairie St. John's. So much more than a hotel, we also provide home-cooked meals, play areas, laundry facilities, computers, and a home-like atmosphere to families working to care for their critically ill children. We surround our families with love and support from giving volunteers, caring staff, and from other guest families who understand what families are going through. While families can donate \$20 per night toward the cost of their stay, there is no requirement for payment for families to utilize our programs. In fact, approximately 80% of our families pay nothing to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald Family Room serves as a respite for families with babies receiving medical care at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo. Like the Ronald McDonald House, the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Essentia Health is designed to support families through their child's medical journey—whether it's a break from the clinical environment, a restorative nap or night's rest, or a sense of normalcy. We provide a relaxed space for families to grab a snack or a drink, take a shower, or take a quick break just steps from their critically-ill child, if only for a few moments.



*Upstairs family room equipped with couches and a TV.*



*Open-concept dining room that connects to multiple kitchen areas.*



*Ronald McDonald Family Room at Essentia Health*



*The Magic Room*



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY 2023 STAFF

### Chief Executive Officer

Jill Christopher

### Development Director

Jakelle Hoffmann

### Mission Support Specialist

Sarah Baumgarten

Audra Shelton

### Director of Operations

Ashley Petersen

### Family Services

Caitlin Rakow

Haley Westby

### Facilities Maintenance Technician

David Gangl

## FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATES

Abby Lysne

April Kratcha

Becca Hahn

Devin O Harra

Ethan Ostrowski

Geriana Miller

Hannah Potter

Hannah Wilke

Hayley Leisenheimer

Jessica Miller

Kelsie Elliot

Kenzie Jacques

LeAnn Ebersviller

Lisa Rudnick

Madison Marschel

Nora Murphy

Sam Brewer

Samantha Foell

Stephanie Nelson

Tommi Johnson

Urias Vakona



A special thanks to our interns and security team who committed their time and talents to RMHC in 2023.

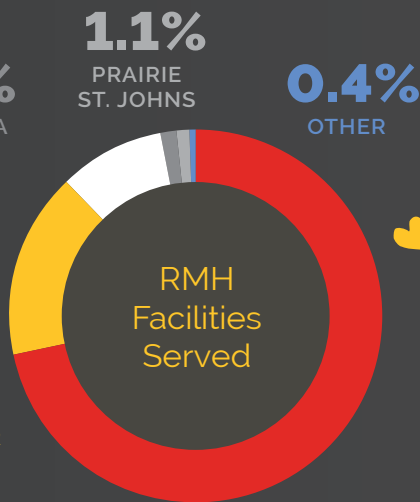
# RMHC of the Red River Valley



Ronald McDonald House Average Stay

**10.3** DAYS

**300** MEALS PREPARED BY VOLUNTEERS



Ronald McDonald House Most Common Diagnoses

- NICU
- CANCER
- EATING DISORDERS



**91%**



# YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

Volunteers invested a total of



**5,925** HOURS



Ronald McDonald House hosted

**638** FAMILIES

for a total of

**6,270** NIGHTS

The Ronald McDonald Family Room at Essentia Health served

**168** FAMILIES

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, there is no charge to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. No one is turned away for inability to pay. Some families choose to donate \$20 toward their stay. *In 2023, 91% of families experienced the comforts of home while paying nothing to stay at RMHC.*





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **Twenty twenty-three was another record-breaking year.**

While numbers can't even begin to show the full impact of our mission, it's always amazing to look back and see the incredible impact YOU—our loyal donors, volunteers, and advocates—have had in helping us help families. Your support allowed us to serve more families than ever before—offering comfort, support and care while navigating the complexity and uncertainty that comes with a medical diagnosis.

The stress of receiving medical care miles from home is significant. Last year, our house offered 6,270 nights of rest to 638 families, 91% of which paid nothing to stay with us.

Volunteers invested an impressive 5,925 hours to offer families home cooked meals, a clean and organized environment, and other special touches that make a house a home.

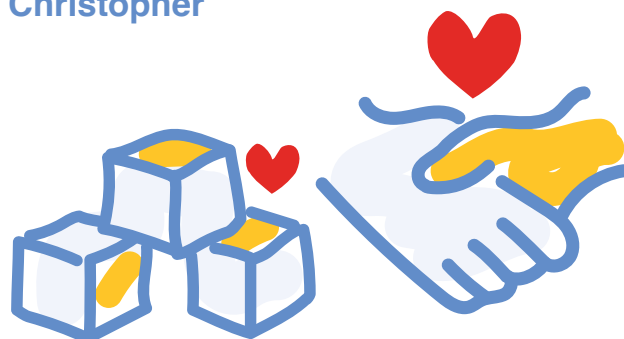
We are proud to help families ease the financial burden of being away from home. While it's easy to see the practical ways your support impacts families, I argue our most impressive work is in creating community. At RMHC of the Red River Valley, we provide a space for families to be families, an opportunity to connect with others who are on a similar journey, and perhaps just a little strength in knowing they are not alone.

Each day I'm honored to see your impact on the faces of the families we serve. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Together with you,

*Jill R Christopher*

**Jill R. Christopher**



# MOLINA FAMILY



“

Having warm food, a comfortable bed, and a game room for Emmy to have some 'teenager time' meant everything.

- Maribell Gonzales

”

# PELLENWESSEL FAMILY

Pellenwessel Family  
15 nights



“ If it were just a bed,  
that would have been  
enough, but it was so  
much more.

— Cali Pellenwessel



# 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Officers

**President** – Madison Quamme, Flint Group

**Vice President** – Todd Anderson, Josef's School of Hair, Skin & Body

**Past President** – Katie Rizzo, Sanford Health

**Treasurer** – Lindsey DiFiore, Concordia College

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Caitlin Stoecker, Bobcat Company



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023



## Current Assets:

Cash, Cash Equivalents, Short-term Investments	\$1,326,305
Property, Equipment, Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$4,076,438
Long-Term Investments/Other Assets	<u>\$2,087,320</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$7,490,063</u></b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets:

Current Liabilities	\$169,460
Long-Term Debt	\$130,938
Lease Liabilities	\$5,655
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$306,053</u></b>

## Net Assets:

Without Donor Restrictions	\$5,824,395
With Donor Restrictions	\$1,359,616
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$7,184,011</u></b>

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets** **\$7,490,064**

## Income:

Contributions	\$647,487
Fundraising Events (net of expenses)	\$265,428
Grants	\$58,100
Non-Cash Contributions, Net	\$29,092
Program Service Revenue	\$77,264
Investment Income	\$238,305
Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$(405)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$1,315,271</u></b>

## Functional Expenses:

Program Services (House Operations & Outreach)	\$819,695
Fundraising	\$167,901
Management & General	\$84,814
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$1,072,410</u></b>

# IN MEMORY AND HONOR



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
of the Red River Valley

Gifts in 2023 were given in memory of and in honor of those below.

## IN MEMORY OF:

Adyson Jean Knudsen  
Alivia Plutowski  
Amanda Jo Ebensteiner  
Basil Talley  
Benton Degerstrom  
Berniece Braaten  
Bill Mason  
Bob Wimer  
Bonnie Warner  
Brent Weston  
Brianna Espeseth  
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Cody Santiago  
Cy Fulton  
Cynthia C Miller  
David Huseby  
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Donald Rebhahn  
Donna and Orville Riedberger  
Easton Johnson  
Eli Wilcox  
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Erik Kiesz  
Erik Susag  
Ernie Vineyard

Erwin Hurner  
Esther Allen  
Ethan Chadwick  
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Rita Becker Peet  
Rita Shiers  
Rob Mihulka  
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Rose Mary Senn  
Rylie McNelis  
Sandra Kane Friesen  
Sara McAllister  
Shaun Richard Christenson  
Shawn Hanson  
Silvee Ryan  
Sophia Brademeyer  
Steve Pavek  
Tanya Yaggie  
Thorin Perez  
Tiahna Hoff  
Tracy Wild  
Ty Gietzen  
Vern Anderson  
William Altringer  
Wilma Flakoll

## IN HONOR OF:

Abigail Heaton  
Alex Blair  
Alan and Joan Bendson  
Amber and Anthony Lipetzky  
Ava Berg  
Bethann Crary  
Bill and Jeanette Boelter  
Bjorn Pederson  
Blaine Wald  
Brandon Daniels  
Brayden Rolfson  
Brett Person  
Cade and Kara Kostohryz  
Caleb Farnham  
Cameron Bolton  
Carly Schmidt  
Carson, Grant, Drew, Bentley and Ella  
CHS Class of 1988  
Claire Bohan  
Dale Urbon  
Dave and Rosalie Harmon  
Edgar Guajardo  
Eli Marquis  
Elias Schiele  
Emerson Skadberg  
Gavin Labrensz  
Haley Westby  
Hayley Dellwo  
Ione Tobin  
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Jim Miller  
Joe and Marie Talley  
Joe Polejewski  
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Mila Heilman  
Millie Helmick  
Millie Vogt  
Morgan Little

Mrs. Caspers' First Graders  
Nicolette Cariveau  
Norma Peterson  
Our Grandkids  
Patrick Fellman  
Patty Berntson  
Paxton, Ryker, and Hadley Petersen  
Reese Scufsa  
Ryan Wasvick  
Samantha Swenson  
Sanford NICU Staff  
Scarlett Horner  
Shauna Wimer  
Shay Stevens  
Silvee Ryan  
Steve and Sharon Miller  
Terry and Diane Tobin  
The Dean Family  
The Students at St Bernard's School  
The Wenaas Family  
The Wolden Family  
Theo Kuderling  
Trooper Austin Yancy  
Vicky and Russell Schantz  
Weston Nickle  
Wyatt, Dani, Hope and Faith Stramer  
Zane Van Cleef

If you made a memorial or honorarium gift in 2023 and it was omitted, misspelled, or listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apology and notify our Development Director, Jakelle, at **701-232-3980** or [jakelle@rmhcfargo.org](mailto:jakelle@rmhcfargo.org)



Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Red River Valley

# THANK YOU

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