





2017 was a record year for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central PA. For the second consecutive year, we reached new milestones in serving families from Pennsylvania, across the United States and around the world. More than 1,200 families stayed at the Ronald McDonald House® to be near their sick child and 14,300 guests used services at the Ronald McDonald Family Room®. That's a testament to the commitment and compassion of our financial supporters, our volunteers, our medical partners and our staff. It has not always been easy. We've had to adjust our processes and make hard decisions. We've asked more from our supporters than ever before. But, the result of that effort is undeniable.

The question is, where do we go from here?

Our Board of Directors has spent the better part of 2017 laying out a new strategic plan to answer that question. And the answer is this: it's time to move from merely filling the accommodation gap to successfully expanding our core programming and addressing our long-term and emerging needs to successfully support more families.

Moving forward will consist of a major investment in improving our building structures, both in the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey and the relocation of our Ronald McDonald Family Room at Penn State Children's Hospital, enhancing family services and preparing for physical growth of our organization. These initiatives will support us in keeping families together at critical times in their lives.

We're making progress, even now, on our vision to provide positive and supportive experiences that strengthen children and their families within the communities we serve.

We know our vision is attainable if we work together. Are you with us?

Sincerely,

Janice L. Snyder

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Without volunteers, our work would not be possible. Thank you to our amazing RMHC-CP volunteers for your continued dedication to our mission!

15,532 hours spent volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey

4,292 hours
spent volunteering at the Ronald McDonald
Family Room and Hospitality Cart

10,286 hours

spent on volunteer opportunities including time spent to prepare 455 meals through our Guest Chef program, 299 pet therapy visits, cleaning, assistance with fundraising events and much more!

We truly appreciate our volunteers who gave an incredible 30,110 hours in support of RMHC of Central PA in 2017! Our staff and guest families truly thank you.

Special thanks to our Founding Mission Partner!





RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE® OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA 2017 FINANCIALS

	2017	2016	
Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets			
Assets\$	11,353,740	9,998,132	
Liabilities	52,396	58,951	
Net Assets\$	11,301,344	9,939,181	
Summary of Revenue and Expenses			
Revenue			
Contributions\$	1,349,438	1,382,490	
Special Events Revenue, Net	347,103	290,964	
Donated Goods & Services	328,751	290,337	
Investment Revenue	286,173	172,876	
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(570)	(1,140)	
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	95,799	154	
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	660,087	127,987	
Total Revenue\$	3,066,781	2,263,668	
Expenses			
Program Services - RMH & RMFR\$	1,036,479	910,162	
Program Services - Grant	221,098	141,460	
Management & General	172,758	210,426	
Fundraising	234,237	203,916	
Unallocated payments to RMHC Global	40,046	32,027	
Total Expenses\$	1,704,618	1,497,991	
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Total Operating Expenses\$	1,664,572	1,465,964	







"All the volunteers were amazing and made our stay more comfortable." On March 22, 2018 around 8:30 pm my water broke. I went into labor six weeks before my due date with my first child, my son, Caleb. He was born on the next day at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He weighed 5 lbs 7 oz. He had some breathing problems at birth since his lungs were not fully developed and he developed some jaundice.

His biggest challenge to overcome was learning how to feed. He was being fed through an NG tube (a feeding tube) until he was able to learn to breastfeed. We knew he would be in the NICU for the first few weeks of his life. This was hard on my fiancé and I since we live 45 minutes away from the hospital. But then, a social worker told us about the Ronald McDonald House (RMH).

We had a room for the entire time our son was in the hospital - just shy of three weeks. We used the house for various things; a place where we could shower, take a break, grab a meal or some sleep if needed, and a place I could pump breastmilk. It was a home away from home, at no cost to us. This was a true blessing as it helped relieve some of the stress that came with our son's hospital stay. Staying at the Ronald McDonald House gave us the ability to spend significantly more time with our son, without risking the long drive on little to no sleep. We were also able to meet up with family at the Hershey Lodge for Easter Dinner, something that may not have been possible had we not had a place to stay close to the hospital.

While RMH has a lot of amenities like the Guest Chef program where volunteers come in nightly to cook a dinner for House guests, a laundry room to wash clothes and various free services around the community like haircuts at the local Sport Clips®, it wasn't the services that were the most helpful. It was just having a place close to the hospital so we could stay close to Caleb.

To the donors and volunteers, THANK YOU!!! It warms my heart knowing there are still good, compassionate people with caring hearts in the world. - Bekki Fesig





RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE® IN HERSHEY



1,209 Family Visits

of the stays were provided to families from Pennsylvania

RONALD MCDONALD FAMILY ROOM

An average of 52 people **Hospitality Cart daily**

14,366

family members

were served through the Ronald McDonald **Family Room** and Hospitality Cart

Dedicated Ronald McDonald Family Room Volunteers logged

4,292 hours







We had a wait list 91 nights in 2017 and had to say "no room" to 202 families

> The average occupancy rate in 2017 was

The average family stay was 9 nights

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> **Total Cost to** provide a night's stay for a family at no cost to them was



455 meals were prepared



77 of the stays were provided to families traveling from outside of Pennsylvania and represented 17 different states



299 Pet Therapy visits

Dedicated House Volunteers logged

hours A





2018-2022 Strategic Plan



Strategic Goal #1

Strengthen and expand core programs and organizational effectiveness

Strategic Goal #2

Secure financial support to meet emerging and long-term needs





Strategic Goal #3

Expand core value influence and brand awareness

