For families like the Henson’s, Smith’s, Brown’s, and over 1,000 others, in 2016 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana provided them with a safe landing spot, comfortable respite, and much more when they needed to travel here to seek specialized healthcare for their child.

Families share with us that they are grateful for the comfortable guest room, meals lovingly fixed by volunteers, the opportunity to be with other families in similar situations, and much more. The families we serve rely on us for these services, and we rely on you to help deliver them. Whether you cooked a meal at Ronald McDonald House, cleaned a guest room, volunteered at one of our Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, donated wish list items, made a financial gift or gave in other ways, we thank you.

We experienced record-breaking demand in 2016. Despite expanding just a few years ago, we are once again operating at capacity. We expect more families to need Ronald McDonald House in the future, with major expansion within our pediatric medical community on the horizon.

We are committed to growing alongside our pediatric medical partners. In 2016 our Board of Directors took big steps to secure our future. In 2017 and 2018, we will announce plans to expand our Ronald McDonald House, as part of the largest project we’ve undertaken since our founders opened our doors in 1984.

There is a lot of excitement about our growth plans, and we look forward to sharing them with you soon. In the meantime, on behalf of the families we serve, know how grateful we are for your support.

Sincerely,

Ben Murr  
Board President

Hal Hedley  
Chief Executive Officer
By The Numbers

Families Served: **1451**
Number of Times Families Were Turned Away: **364**
  Average Stay: 8.5 nights
  Longest Stay: 466 nights
  Occupancy: 94%
Top 10 Kentucky Counties Served:
  McCracken, Ohio, Hardin, Green, Taylor, Shelby, Grayson, Barren, Daviess, Henry
Our House Served Residents of:
  16 states and Australia, Ireland, and Sweden

Families Served: **172**
Number of Times Families Were Turned Away: **98**
  Occupancy: 73.3%

RMHCK Volunteers
Total Volunteers: 171
Meals Served: 407
Hours Served by Shift & Adopt-A-Meal Volunteers: 16,255

“It was very important for us to stay close to the hospital and the cost of hotels would have made that very difficult for our family. The generosity of the Ronald McDonald House helped us be able to focus on our child and not have to worry. Everyone was so nice and comforting in this very difficult time.”

~Denton Family
Donors

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- Clark Family Foundation
- Kosair Charities
- McDonald’s Corporation and RMHC Global
- McDonald’s Donation Box Contributions
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- Alpha Delta Pi - Epsilon Delta Chapter
- Coca-Cola Company
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- Peter Rutledge, in memory of Betty Rutledge

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you made a gift between January 1 and December 31, 2016 and your name was omitted, misspelled, or listed incorrectly, please accept our sincere apologies and contact our Director of Development, Sara Silletto at 502-561-7659 or Sara@rmhc-kentuckiana.org to update our records.
**Ronald McDonald House®**

Within walking distance of Louisville’s downtown hospitals, Kentuckiana’s Ronald McDonald House has 36 rooms staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our private bedrooms, comfortable living rooms, vibrant play areas and fully-stocked kitchens offer a “home away from home” for families of seriously ill children.

**Ronald McDonald Family Rooms**

**Norton Women’s & Children’s Hospital** - This Ronald McDonald Family Room®, located in the Plaza 1 Building on the 2nd floor, serves families with a baby in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. There are four private sleeping rooms, Internet/email access, restrooms with shower facilities, a lactation room, a kitchenette stocked with snacks, a living room and a laundry room. We are always seeking volunteers to help us at this location.

**Norton Children’s Hospital** - Located within the oncology unit, this Ronald McDonald Family Room serves families with a child receiving a bone marrow transplant. For infection control purposes, this location is away from other waiting rooms and has sleeping quarters for up to three families at a time, a restroom with a shower facility, a kitchenette and a living room.

**Frazier Rehab Institute** - Located on the pediatric floor of Frazier, this Ronald McDonald Family Room is a relaxing resting spot for families who are not allowed to be present while their child receives rehabilitation therapy. We offer access to a living room with cable TV, a restroom with a shower and an eating area stocked with snacks.

“Ronald McDonald House is home away from home in times of need. It is full of friendly faces and helpful hands! Thank you so much.”

~Laughmann Family
As Louisville’s only organization founded to specifically serve the families of seriously ill children, RMHCK must respond to this need in order to continue ensuring that these families have a place to stay that is close while they access healthcare for their child, many times under life-threatening circumstances. Our staff and Board of Directors has worked for several years to identify our best opportunity for expansion. After thoroughly examining several options, it was determined that our best opportunity is to acquire the building immediately adjacent to ours and renovate it, along with full renovations to our existing building. In October of 2016, we purchased the building at 101 W. Chestnut Street from the Greater Louisville Medical Society.

In 2016, we turned away families 364 times because we were at full occupancy.

If you are interested in learning more about our plans and how you can be involved, please contact Hal Hedley, CEO hal@rmhck.org or 502-561-7658.
Our History

1981
The idea and planning for a Louisville Ronald McDonald House begins.

1984
Ronald McDonald House opens on September 10.

1994
The Ronald McDonald Family Room opens in Norton Children’s Hospital for families of children receiving bone marrow transplants. This is one of first Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in the world.

2003
Ronald McDonald House expands to the 3rd floor.

2005
RMHCK purchases the building at 550 S. First Street after leasing it long-term.

2006
Ronald McDonald Family Room at Norton Women’s & Children’s Hospital opens.

2009
Ronald McDonald Family Room at Frazier Rehab opens.

2016
RMHCK purchases the building at 101 W Chestnut, directly adjacent to Ronald McDonald House.

2016
Ronald McDonald House expands to the 4th floor, growing to 36 guestrooms.