



TOGETHER

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FAMILY AT A TIME **IMPACT**

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF MICHIANA
2013 ANNUAL REPORT



IMPACT BY NUMBERS

9,100 Meals Served

1,300 Loads of Laundry

4,300 Cookies Served

MAKING AN IMPACT IN 2013

879 OVERNIGHT GUESTS IN 2013



Gifts come in all shapes and sizes.

As I reflect on the past year, many gifts come to mind. Volunteers give the gift of time, three hours every other week to ensure that the Ronald McDonald Family Room doors are open. Board members give the gifts of talent and resources to ensure that our families have all the comforts of home — 365 days a year.

The success of our Men in Kilts this year was outstanding! They gave the gifts of time, talent and donations. They spread the message of our mission far and wide by asking family, friends and businesses to help them “give time.”

Donors give gifts of all sizes to make it possible for our families to use all our services at no cost — a huge gift. And our staff gives above and beyond their scheduled work hours to ensure that parents receive the most precious gift of all: time with their child.

It is different for every family and child, but the gift of time is what they need most and, together, the volunteers, staff, board members and donors make this happen one family at a time!

SHELLEY LESNIEWICZ
Executive Director
RMHC Michiana

The numbers are only part of our story.

As you read through our Annual Report, you will notice many numbers, including the number of families who used our services last year (2,300) and the number of meals provided (9,100). And while those numbers are important, our focus at Ronald McDonald House Charities is on the lives of families we touch every day.

Are we doing all we can to help the loved ones of critically ill or injured children? Are we providing day-to-day comforts that allow children to heal with their families nearby? We rely on hundreds of people who allow us to answer “yes” to those questions: volunteers, staff, board members, hospital personnel — and the generosity of the Michiana community.

We are especially thankful for our partnership with our local McDonald’s Owner/Operators and Memorial Children’s Hospital. McDonald’s raises critical financial support through several programs in their restaurants, and the hospital provides the space and services that allow us to serve our families.

While the accomplishments of 2013 were considerable, there remain many more families who require our support during unimaginably difficult times. As we look forward to the construction of the new Memorial Children’s Hospital, we need to expand our services. We hope to share with you soon our vision of the exciting future for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

JAMES LEEP
President, Board of Directors
RMHC Michiana





IMPACT BY NUMBERS

150 Volunteers & Counting

1,716 Hours Contributed by Linda & Mark

VOLUNTEERS
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8,760 VOLUNTEER HOURS
PROVIDED ANNUALLY

— AN AMAZING PAIR! —

After 46 years of marriage, it is no wonder this team of dedicated volunteers works together like a finely oiled machine. Mark and Linda Marker have volunteered with the Ronald McDonald Family Room for over 11 years. We always look forward to seeing them walk through the doors for their shift on Wednesday afternoons.

In the beginning, the Markers volunteered just like any other volunteers at the RMFR, working a three-hour shift and taking care of the needs of our families. It wasn't long before we realized that they were special people with special talents. Mark has become our resident "handyman" over the years, doing anything we ask of him from fixing things to building things – and it is all done with a smile.

Linda's background in marketing has proved to be extremely helpful in assisting the Charity in many ways. She has trained volunteers, is a member of the Speakers Bureau and sits on our marketing committee, helping to design and edit important pieces of literature used in educating the community about RMHC of Michiana and our Mission.

The Markers continue to be a blessing to the Charity and to everyone who knows them. Thank you, Mark and Linda, for all that you do!

TEENS MAKING AN IMPACT

Ronald McDonald House Charities is privileged to have an enthusiastic, giving group of students who create awareness for the Family Room and raise funds for its support. The Teen Board of 50 students in grades 7-12 represents 17 area schools – and has raised more than \$60,000 in the last three years.

At monthly meetings, teens learn how a non-profit organization works, serve on committees and plan events. Their goal is to give back to our community and to make a difference. The Charity appreciates their hard work!

Cameron Moore

"My favorite experience was Christmas caroling with the two little girls from the children's floor. They had a blast!"

Andrew Boyer

"RMHC helped my family every time my older brother has been in the hospital."

Emma Baker

"Being in community events to help support awareness for the Teen Board is such a blessing. Knowing that I am taking part in helping families through hard times is so rewarding. I love what we're doing."

Sydney Boyer

"I am pretty new to the Teen Board, but I have really enjoyed helping plan fundraisers, along with things like making Halloween bags for patients. I love being able to help out where I can and know that it means a lot to the families and makes a difference."

Matthew Garatoni

"I enjoy being on the Teen Board because I get to help others. At first I didn't understand the true impact of our work, but through the years, I have quickly found out how essential our work is to the families. I wouldn't trade my time with the Teen Board for anything. I feel the board has helped me grow into the person I am today."

Alicia Porile

"Being a part of Ronald McDonald House Charities has been such a fulfilling experience. Hearing stories and seeing the board's work help families is what motivates me and my peers to take action. I am truly proud to be a part of this organization."

Grant Wozniak

"I like hearing about how we help children and their families through the mission statement."



\$60,000 RAISED SINCE 2011

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OVER
2,300 FAMILIES SERVED IN 2013



LILY'S STORY

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people at the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Memorial Children's Hospital. My sweet baby, Lily, 4 months old, was hospitalized the night before Christmas Eve for four days. Daddy and big brother Anthony would drive the rest of the siblings from Niles to visit Lily and Mommy, and we all spent Christmas together in her room. The Ronald McDonald Family Room provided meals, snacks and even gifts for our whole family while they were visiting. With such a big family, it helped us out tremendously and it also put a smile on the kids' faces every time they went there. God bless you all and a huge thank you from Miss Lily Mae Rose.





KATHLEEN AND DAVID SPARKS RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations and a huge thank you go to Kathleen and David Sparks, who were honored with the Gerry Newman McTLC Award of Excellence at RMHC's 29th Annual Awards of Excellence celebration in Chicago. The award honored their outstanding contributions to improving the health and well-being of children.

The award is accompanied by a \$100,000 grant provided to a nonprofit organization serving children. Kathleen and David chose RMHC of Michiana to be the recipient and will use the grant to start an endowment fund for the Charity.

In presenting the award, J.C. Gonzalez-Mendez, president and CEO of RMHC, noted that "award recipients are dedicated to supporting the critical needs of children so they can reach their full potential and live fulfilling lives." Previous recipients include Former President Jimmy Carter, U.S. General Colin L. Powell, Marlo Thomas, Jim Henson, Mister Fred Rogers and Alonzo Mourning.

"We are honored and humbled to receive this prestigious award," the couple said at the special ceremony. "And we are thrilled to be able to present this generous grant to the local RMHC Chapter in our community. We see the demand for the Ronald McDonald Family Room® at Memorial Children's Hospital grow each year. This donation will enable local families with critically ill children to continue to receive much-needed services."

Since purchasing their first McDonald's restaurant in this area, Kathleen and David have supported children in the Michiana community through their contributions to many educational and school athletic programs. Under Kathleen Sparks' leadership, the couple established the Michiana Chapter of Ronald McDonald House Charities in 1997 and subsequently helped establish the Ronald McDonald Family Room program at Memorial Hospital in 2002.

2013 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

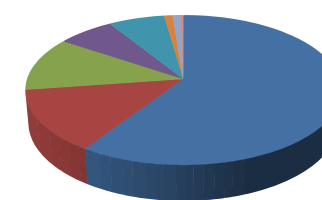
Current Assets	2013	2012
Total checking/savings	\$1,556,747	\$1,111,053
Total building fund	\$544,426	\$544,262
Investment fund	\$145,943	\$124,783
Total Current Assets	\$2,247,116	\$1,780,099
Fixed Assets	\$12,369	\$11,606
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,259,484	\$1,791,705

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	2013	2012
Total Current Liabilities	\$32,799	\$44,221
Equity		
Fund Balance - unrestricted	\$1,747,484	\$1,539,833
Net Income	\$479,292	\$207,651
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS	\$2,259,484	\$1,791,705

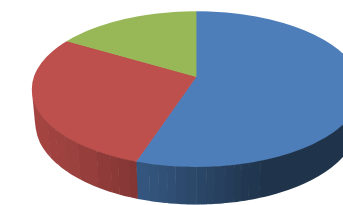
2013 INCOME SOURCES

Special Events/Fundraisers	\$500,200
Memorials/Tributes	\$113,028
McDonald's Donation Boxes	\$98,495
In-Kind	\$56,743
Cash Donations	\$55,803
McDonald's Fundraisers	\$8,296
Grants/Fundraisers	\$7,500
RMHC, Inc.	\$3,200



2013 EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$181,944
Fundraising	\$93,805
Management and Overhead	\$54,556



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