



RMHC[®] Impact Research Message Map

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RMHC provides vital resources and compassionate care to children and their families being served by leading hospitals worldwide. To date, eleven peer-reviewed, published studies illustrate the importance of the Ronald McDonald House[®] program in enabling family centered care.

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- RMHC programs keep families near each other and the care they need through Ronald McDonald Houses, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles.
 - **Ronald McDonald House[®]** – serving families who must travel far from home, the House is much more than a room to stay in, it provides comfort, support and resources for families with sick children just steps from the hospital.
 - **Ronald McDonald Family Room[®]** – moments away from a child's bedside, the Family Room provides moms and dads a place to recharge. Families grab a bite to eat, shower and get rest so they can be strong for their child.
 - **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile[®]** – the Care Mobile brings medical, dental and health care resources directly to children near their home and school.
- Patients whose families stayed at the Ronald McDonald House were the sickest, traveled the furthest distances, and spent the longest time in the hospital.
- RMHC helps families save more than \$880 million in lodging and meal costs alone alleviating a huge financial burden.

RMHC provides access to quality health care and enables family-centered care

- RMHC gives families the ability to spend more time with their sick children, to interact with their doctors, and to make important decisions about their children's care.
- Research shows that RMHC and the Ronald McDonald House program:
 - Supports a family's psychological well-being by keeping them close together and providing emotional and physical comfort and support.
 - Enhances the hospital experience for the child and the family.
 - Helps alleviate the financial stress of accommodation needs.
 - Results in better sleep quality for parents which gives them the rest they need to make critical decisions related to their child's care.
 - Helps families cope better and focus on the needs of their sick child when they have support from family members and other families.
 - Gives families who stay at a Ronald McDonald House a better perceived quality of life.
 - Allows children to express their emotions and feel a sense of normalcy in the face of stress and medical trauma through play spaces at the Ronald McDonald House.
 - 40 percent of families served at Ronald McDonald Houses have children in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)
- Our hospital partners agree that RMHC reduces stress and financial burden for families, and helps them deliver the best care possible.

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