

Greetings,

My name is Brenda Robinson-Wright. I became President of the Executive Board as of January 1, 2024. I am excited about taking on this new role. I am passionate about helping people. I am truly honored and thankful for this opportunity to display my passion for servicing the community and a House that is built on love.



I would like to thank all of our supporters for the outpouring of love and support we receive from each and every one of you. Our mission could not have been made possible without you. Your support means the world to us and the families we serve.

All the best,
Brenda

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From House to Home

2024 Spring Newsletter



A Message from our CEO Jennifer Litomisky

75,000 families (yes, we counted) at RMHC Detroit. From the first ribbon cutting, through location changes and House rebuilds, pandemics and economic flows, there is one thing that has stood the test of time: our mission to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families and promote healing when children need healthcare. Looking back at the resiliency and commitment of past and present staff, board members, donors and volunteers, I am not only extremely grateful, but inspired



Celebrating 45 Years

2024 IS HERE and it is a year to celebrate!

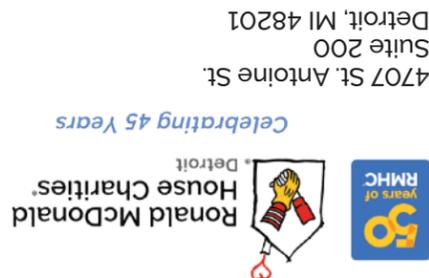
The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Global office is celebrating the conception of the very first Ronald McDonald House opening in Philadelphia **50 years** ago, while here in Detroit, we are happily **celebrating 45 years** since our doors opened to the families of ill or injured children. Since 1979, our House has brought comfort to over

to continue making RMHC Detroit a welcoming, caring and strong organization for many more families and years to come. We have many long-standing annual events happening this year, as well as some new ones.

We hope you can join us for this year-long celebration!



GET CONNECTED!
Keep up-to-date on
all our activities!



Take advantage of the two ticket deal for the Derby Social!

The Derby Social
May 4th, 2024 - Detroit Golf Club

SCAN to get
your tickets
today!



A fun derby theme event that brings us together to raise funds for the House and honor individuals and companies that have gone above and beyond for RMHC Detroit.





OUR HEARTS ARE IN HOCKEYTOWN

The House has seen an amazing outpouring of love from the hockey community

at a professional, high school and youth level in the first quarter of the year.

In January, Meg, a hockey mom from Wyandotte Roosevelt High School reached out to us with gratitude as she understands the importance of RMHC first-hand. Meg's nephew, Hudson, is receiving treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and her family is residing at RMHC Memphis

during their visits. Knowing she wanted to do more to support her nephew and the RMHC mission she has grown to appreciate, Meg motivated her son, Emmet, and his hockey team to host a "Teddy Bear Toss" for not only Hudson's friends at St. Jude's, but the families here at our house in Detroit. Over 100 stuffed animals were thrown on the ice by hockey fans and collected by RHS Bears Hockey captains Ben, Luc and Emmet, who personally delivered 3 large bags full of stuffed animals to the House for our visiting families. The remaining stuffed animals were taken to St. Jude's,

where Hudson shared these items of compassion with fellow patients.

February also brought the hockey community our way when the Little Caesars AAA hockey team hosted a "Charity Game" of their own as they took on the Oakland Grizzlies. Parents and fans graciously donated funds and pantry items to the House for the second year in a row!

The Little Caesars AAA team took home the win, but the families we serve are the real champions.



The team collected **OVER 100** stuffed animals!



Mid-March, RMHC Detroit was the 'Charity of the Game'

as the Detroit Red Wings took on the Buffalo Sabres. 250 fans not only came out to support the flying wheel, but most importantly, the families we serve. We appreciate everyone who came out to show their Detroit pride in Hockeytown!



UPCOMING EVENTS

VINNI'S RMHC DETROIT GOLF OUTING
 June 7th, 2024
 Fieldstone Golf Course
 For the last 23 years our friend, Vinni, and his family and friends have been supporting RMHC Detroit with a day on the greens. All are welcome to join in on this fun way of fundraising!

Early Bird Registration is now open!

ESCAPE TO BELLE ISLE 5K, HALF MARATHON & KIDS FUN RUN
 July 20th, 2024
 Belle Isle
 Run it, walk it, or come cheer on the participants for this family- and pet-friendly event on Belle Isle!

Early Bird Registration is now open!

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME
 August 1st, 2024
 Comerica Park
 Help the House celebrate being the Charity of the Game by purchasing game tickets or join us for the private pre-game party on the Vizzy Deck!

SPARE THE LOVE
 November 10th, 2024
 Bowlero Royal Oak
 The 4th Annual Spare the Love event is a fun night of bowling and friendships, hosted by the Red Shoe Crew!

Interested in joining the Crew? Scan to learn more!