



Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis Communications Guide

Talking Points

Facts and Figures Continued

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis provides large living rooms with fireplaces, common dining rooms with play areas for small children, assigned kitchen space to prepare meals, a newly renovated Teen Room, a Pre-teen Room, three laundry rooms, an Exercise room, Meditation Room, Craft Room, two TV lounges, a Conference/Board Room, a video check-out area, several patios and two playgrounds.

Families receive free transportation (via shuttle) to the hospital, Walgreen's and the nearby Kroger.

Each family receives a food stipend from St. Jude each week to spend as they need. This is supplemented by a huge assortment of pantry items that they may choose from. Toiletries, paper goods, and phone cards are also provided for the families as they become available to the House via donations.

Ronald McDonald House Charities®

Ronald McDonald Houses are owned and operated by local chapters of Ronald McDonald House Charities®, based in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Each local chapter is licensed by McDonald's Corporation and operates as an IRS-designated 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. While all chapters are part of the overall Ronald McDonald House Charities® system, each is overseen at the local level by its own Board of Directors and is supported by individuals, organizations, businesses, and foundations within the local community.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis is solely associated with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a primarily out-patient hospital (with only 56 in-patient beds), meaning that the actual patients and their families live within Ronald McDonald House.

Although Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis receives generous support from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis is an independent, community supported, 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and is **NOT** owned and/or operated by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.