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A Champion for Hope

A heartfelt shout-out to Thunderbirds
Charities, whose donations as a
Champion for Hope help us provide
a "home-away-from-home" for
families in need. RMHCCNAZ was
honored to receive a \$50,000 grant
this year to fund more than 450 nights
of rest. Thank you, Thunderbirds
Charities, for your generous support!



Monthly Gifts

**Make a difference for families
all year long**

Your commitment as a monthly
donor makes a huge difference
for the families we serve. Just
\$20 a month provides five nights
of rest for a family in need.

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Ronald McDonald
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straight from the

Facing the Unknown: Aspen's Story

Tina was 20 weeks pregnant when she
received overwhelming news: her daughter
had hypoplastic left heart syndrome. Essentially,
she was missing the left side of her heart.

Tina and her husband Colt were shocked
and terrified. They spent the rest of the
pregnancy worrying as Tina endured biweekly
growth scans and echocardiograms to monitor
Baby Aspen's condition.

The family from Mayer, Arizona spent 148 nights
at Cambridge House after Aspen was born.
Every morning, Tina would walk over from the
House to Phoenix Children's Hospital to spend
the day with Aspen. In the evening, she would
come back to the House and connect with other
families, eating together and discussing their
experiences.

**"It helped create a very loving and
supportive environment. We all
celebrated together. We also all
felt heartbreak together."**

When Aspen was almost 3 months old, she
was able to leave the hospital for the first time.
Tina and Colt took her back to the House,
rejoicing at the chance to spend time together
and celebrate with their RMHC family. But
three days later, Aspen's heart began to fail.
She needed a second open heart surgery.

This surgery was hard on Aspen. Tina and
Colt often had to rush to the hospital in the
middle of the night to be with her. In those
terrifying moments, they were so grateful that
the House was just five minutes away.

**"I could never express how thankful we
are to donors. They gave us a place to
live and feel safe and at home during
one of the hardest times of our lives."**

Today, Aspen is waiting to receive her third open
heart surgery, tentatively scheduled for next
summer. While the future is still uncertain, Tina
and Colt are hopeful and deeply grateful for the
"home-away-from-home" where their life as
a family began.



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As we come to the end of another challenging year, it would be easy to feel tired or discouraged. But instead, I'm filled with gratitude and hope. And it's all because of YOU!

Donors like you have been the pillar of support keeping us standing through difficult times. Although we haven't been able to demonstrate our thanks nearly enough because of COVID, I want you to know that every day, we're thinking of you and all you do for RMHC and the families who need us.

You can imagine how hard these last two years have been for them. One of my top goals for 2022 is to restore our homes to 95% capacity so we can serve more families — and more extended families as well. Research shows that sick or injured children do better when siblings stay close, and we want to be able to welcome them again.

But in truth, I don't need research to tell me that the more support a child and their family has, the better the outcome for everyone.

That's why I'm so hopeful that in 2022 we'll be able to restore the joy of personal connections by once again sharing meals, sharing experiences, and sharing our homes with extended family members.

Of course, before we get too far ahead of ourselves on next year, I have one important thing to say about 2021: Thank you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We could not do what we do without you. Whether your gift is large or small, every penny matters to us, and every donation makes a difference for a family in distress and far from home.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kerry Schulman".

Kerry Schulman
Chief Executive Officer



Arizona Tax Credit

Gifts made to Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona qualify for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit program (QCO Code 20400). This means you can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state income taxes, up to \$800 for married couples filing jointly or \$400 for taxpayers filing as single or head of household. Make your gift today and take the credit!

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Spreading Holiday Cheer with Santa's Workshop

It's tough to have a child in the hospital any time of the year, but the holidays can be especially difficult. That's why RMHC's Santa's Workshop volunteers go to work every December setting up donated gifts in a toy store-like setting to help ensure children, their siblings, and their parents have some holiday cheer.

Head Elf Karen Spangler-Phillips has been involved with RMHC for nearly 35 years, and it's the smiles that keep her coming back year after year.

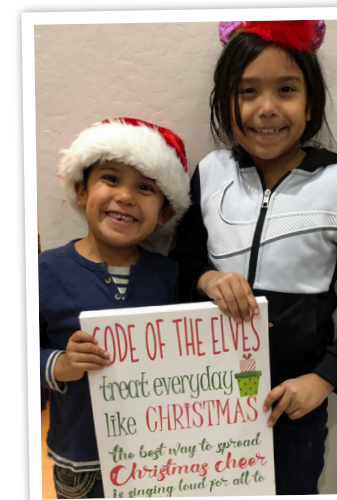
"When I look at the families and the challenges they're facing... smiles and kindness create a prescription for happiness."

Over the years, Santa's Workshop has made a difference for countless families. During their stay, mom Chantel didn't have the time, energy or budget to "do Christmas" for her family. But when she walked into the Workshop, she was floored.

"I was literally in tears. To be able to go and pick out some presents for the kids and be able to give them a Christmas, it was priceless."

Of course, the pandemic has made everything a bit more challenging, with fewer volunteers allowed to gather, fewer families in the homes, and special COVID protocols. But Karen and the other elves have been hard at work and are ready to continue the tradition and welcome families back to Santa's Workshop again this year.

Thanks to RMHC donors like you, the holidays are a little bit brighter for families facing dark times. Thank you for helping make the magic happen at this special time of year!



2021 Service Highlights through October 31st

Served
505
families

88%
of families
were from
Arizona

18,451
meals for families
who call the House
their home.

Welcomed
693 visits
from families

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8,287
nights
of rest