

What Your Gift Can Provide

\$20

Two toys, to welcome a sick child and their sibling



\$48

Dinner for a family of four

\$75

Essentials to stock a room for a family



\$107

1 night of rest for one family

\$250

Welcome Bags to help 10 families feel at home



\$480

10 dinners for a family of four

\$1,605

15 nights of rest for a family (avg length of stay)



Critical Wish List

In addition to your financial support, you can help families by donating the essentials they need to feel comfortable at their "home-away-from-home."

Toilet Paper
Liquid Dish Soap
Baby Clothes
Canned Chicken
Cup-of-Noodles
Canned Soup
Bottled Water
Small Bags of Chips
Small Bags of Cookies or Crackers (esp. goldfish)
Single-Serving Snacks

Drop-offs are accepted at Roanoke and Dobson Houses. Please ring the doorbell for assistance.

For other items on our wish list, please visit rmhccnaz.org/wishlist



Share a Smile for RMHCCNAZ

Every Happy Meal® is a chance to share a smile with families staying at our Houses. For each local Happy Meal sold, McDonald's® donates part of the proceeds to our chapter, giving families a "home-away-from-home" and keeping them together while their children receive critical medical care.

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A Long Road Home: Evangeline's Story

After a 2-1/2-year journey that included one failed adoption, Amanda and Chris were overjoyed to be matched with a newborn baby girl in Phoenix. Within 24 hours of the call, they hopped on a plane from their home in the Bay Area.

The couple didn't know how long they would be away from home, and they had no friends or family in Phoenix. Worse, they met their new baby Evangeline in the NICU, where she had been rushed for breathing problems.

"We felt really alone," Amanda recalled.

The NICU social worker told them about an opening at Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona. Amanda and Chris moved in right away and prepared to welcome Evangeline to her "home-away-from-home".

But during that first night at Dobson House with her new parents, Evangeline struggled to breathe. Amanda and Chris rushed her to the ER, literally across the parking lot.

"She had to be hooked up to oxygen, and she stayed in observation for an additional 2 days. Those were the hardest days of our lives."

The couple took turns staying with Evangeline and returning to the House to catch up on rest and recharge. Once she was released, Evangeline joined her parents while they waited for approval to cross state lines. All told, it took 18 days before the family was finally able to return home.

Amanda and Chris remain deeply grateful to supporters like you and everyone at Ronald McDonald House®. They say the staff went the extra mile, taking care of things so they could focus on Evangeline's medical treatment.

"[At the House], you are cared for, loved and nurtured when your heart is heavy."

Today, Evangeline is a healthy, sweet toddler who loves to read books and tell jokes. Amanda and Chris hope that when she grows up, Evangeline will use her big heart to care for others, just like their family was cared for in their time of need.



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This past year has forced all of us to relearn things we thought we knew. For Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northern and Central Arizona, it was no exception.

Amidst the chaos of COVID-19, we had to cancel popular annual events like our golf tournament and gala and change the way we served families to keep them safe during a global pandemic. I have felt blessed to be part of this community, as friends and supporters old and new stepped up, even amid such hardship. The pandemic has really shown us how we're all connected.

Through it all, one thing remained clear: No matter what's happening in the world, kids still get sick, injured and need treatment. And families still need us.

From adoptive families like Evangeline's . . . to mothers experiencing high-risk pregnancies . . . from families devastated by a scary diagnosis . . . to kids and parents driving hours to access ongoing medical treatment. Families need a safe and nurturing place to rest as they face some of the toughest challenges of their lives.

This year, we've discovered new resilience, creativity and determination to ensure that no matter what, our House is here to welcome them.

As I look toward the summer, I feel an overwhelming sense of hope and gratitude. I know the last twelve months have been tough. Thank you for all you do to show our families kindness and warmth when they need it most. We really are in this together, and we couldn't do it without you.

With gratitude,

Kerry Schulman
Chief Executive Officer

Save the Date for RMHCCNAZ's 7th Annual ProAm Golf Tournament



Join Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central and Northern Arizona for its 7th Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament on May 13, 2021! This unique pro-am concept is your opportunity to interact and play golf with PGA Champion Tour Pros and Local Pros at the beautiful Grayhawk Golf Club.

Visit rmhccnaz.org/golf for more information.



Making the House a "Home-Away-From-Home"

Chris Bates is the VP of Marketing & Merchandising at La-Z-Boy Arizona. He has been a member of the RMHCCNAZ family for the past 8 years. Chris served on the board of directors since 2013 and as Board Chair in 2020.

La-Z-Boy is the official furniture supplier for Ronald McDonald House® all across the country. What does it mean to you to support RMHC here in your local community?

I am proud to be a part of a company that makes such a big commitment to RMHC and the families they serve. Our ability to amplify La-Z-Boy's national commitment on a local level through the engagement of our over 200 Arizona La-Z-Boy employees is amazing!

What's your favorite project you've worked on through La-Z-Boy of Arizona CHAIRities?

The employees of La-Z-Boy in Arizona came up with the service group La-Z-Boy CHAIRities. Our volunteers work signature events like the Pro-Am Golf Tournament and annual Gala. My favorite ongoing project is serving dinners to the families at each of the three Houses in the Valley.

What is most meaningful to you about Ronald McDonald House's® mission?

Ronald McDonald House provides stability, comfort and community for families that are facing big life moments. RMHC provides a "home-away-from-home" where healing can begin.

If someone asked why you support RMHC, what would you tell them?

The leadership, staff and community support that I have had the privilege to experience and engage with have far exceeded my expectations. They truly care about the families they serve and go above and beyond to provide comfort.

What would you tell other business leaders about getting involved through corporate sponsorship?

Businesses of all sizes can get employees involved at the three Houses through service projects or providing meals to families. Corporate support through donations and matching programs are also a great way to make a big difference, because RMHC relies on the generous support of the community and its leaders to fund operations.

To get your company involved, contact Jami Carlson at jcarlson@rmhccnaz.org



2020 Service Highlights

Served
529
families

90%
of families
were from
Arizona



Welcomed
667 visits
from families

12,000
meals for families
who call the House
their home.



9,736
nights
of rest