



2013

FACES OF HOPE.

Annual Report

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

FACES OF SERVICE.

Lisa Pacula

The Ronald McDonald House at Parkview was built on the guiding principles of comfort, compassion, support, strength and hope. Families that come into the Ronald McDonald House experience these feelings of support and comfort from RMH volunteers, staff and other families. Thanks to a generous community of donors and partners, families will always find a home at the Ronald McDonald House.

In my 13 years with the charity, it has always been the faces that leave the greatest impression on me, and the stories that go with them. The face of a mother who has memorized the exact number of steps it takes to get to the NICU from her guest room, or the face of a sweet little girl who eats cereal at the counter every morning as she waits for her little sister to get well enough to go home. I see the faces of volunteers who give generously of their time week after week and year after year, and the kind face of a donor who gives because he knows what it's like to sleep on a couch and wants to make sure struggling parents have another choice. It's these faces that make up the Ronald McDonald House family. Thanks to all of you, more than 700 families have found faces of comfort, support, strength and hope at the Ronald McDonald House at Parkview.



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MEET THE MERINGA FAMILY

When we found out we were expecting again, we were ecstatic. Everything looked great at our first ultrasound, but the next day we were referred to a high-risk doctor. We were unprepared for the diagnosis at just one day shy of 15 weeks – my water had already broken, and our baby had less than a 3% chance of survival. Each week we had a doctor's appointment to see if our baby still had a heartbeat.

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At 24 weeks, I was transferred to Fort Wayne, where I would remain until the birth of our baby. An emergency c-section was ordered at less than 27 weeks, and our son Adrian Jay was born 13.98” long and weighing just 1 lb. 7.6 oz. At four months old, he had about a 50/50 chance of survival, but continued to fight every day.

We live in Michigan, over an hour away from the hospital, so the Ronald McDonald House has been a constant.

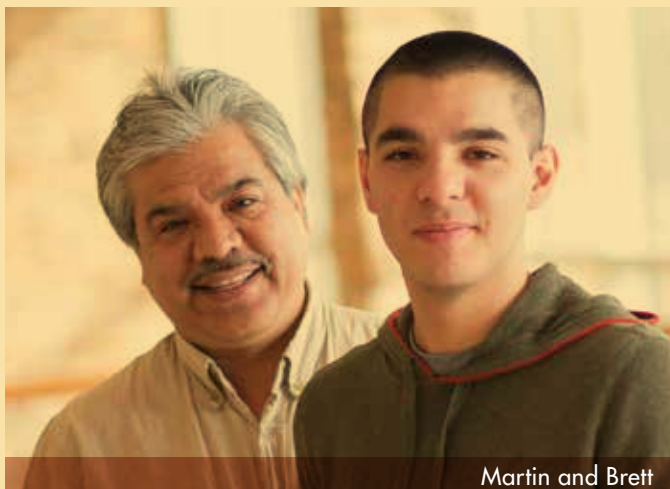


Melissa, Joe, Brady and Adrian

It has meant so much to have a place to stay where the people are extremely nice and generous. We're grateful for the care and love that we've felt from everyone there.

Adrian Jay Meringa gained his angel wings May 9, 2014, surrounded by his loving family and health care providers.

faces of GRATITUDE & DETERMINATION



Martin and Brett

I was home caring for my oldest daughter after dental surgery when I got a call that my three younger children had been involved in a car accident. They were taken to Goshen Hospital, where Brett was treated and released, and Brooke was admitted. Brett had extensive internal injuries, so he was flown to Parkview for immediate surgery.

Before the end of the week he had endured three more surgeries, and he remained intubated for almost two weeks.

After losing my wife a few months before, I felt like we had been through enough. As a parent, you want to do something, but what can you do but be there for them? I didn't know about the

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Ronald McDonald House until a nurse suggested I go down to get some rest. My room became a getaway where I didn't have to listen to monitors, where I could eat, relax and get some peace of mind or even sleep for a few hours. I appreciated the nice showers and laundry access, since it was too far to go home. We were able to leave the hospital a month after we arrived. Everyone is doing well, and every doctor says Brett is a lucky young man.

MEET THE ROSAS FAMILY

EVENTS

By donning cowboy boots and running shoes, fans of the Ronald McDonald House helped raise much-needed funds at two of our premier annual events – and had fun in the process! Our deepest thanks goes to Parkview Health, McDonald's owner-operators and the Vanderbosch family for your involvement and show of support at our events.

Rhinestone Rodeo

More than 350 buckaroos put on their cowboy boots and 10-gallon hats for our fourth annual Rhinestone Rodeo, enjoying a delicious meal of gourmet chuckwagon, a lively cocktail hour and a live country band. Past guests of the Ronald McDonald House shared their story, and more than \$36,000 was raised in family sponsorships.



*Our special events
raised more than
\$129,000 in 2013!*



Fort4Fitness Fall Festival

The Run4Ronald team showed up at the Fort4Fitness Fall Festival in force, beginning the weekend with a pasta party, followed by kids and senior marathons Friday night and the races on Saturday. In total, 243 runners and walkers helped bring in more than \$17,000 for the Ronald McDonald House.

faces of LOVE & SUPPORT



When tired, anxious, emotionally drained families come to the Ronald McDonald House, a friendly smile, hot cup of coffee and the smell of a home cooked meal can be just what the doctor ordered. Making this House a home is the invaluable role of our dedicated volunteer staff, who give of their time and talents to welcome families into our home 365 days a year.

Jackie Claussen, RMH Volunteer

"What drew me to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House was the hope that I could be of help to our guests by bringing a smile or lending a hand. I come to volunteer at the House with nothing and leave full, pleased that perhaps I made a difference for someone. I have been blessed!"

Sue Altendorf, RMH Volunteer

"As a mom and a former NICU nurse, I know how hard it is to have a child in the hospital.

The Ronald McDonald House provides the parents with a respite from the noise and hectic pace of a hospital unit. I enjoy volunteering here because it enables me to give parents support and a few of the "comforts" of home, something you don't always have the time to do as a staff nurse."

*Volunteers gave
nearly 8,000 hours
of service in 2013.*

VOLUNTEERS

2013 AT A GLANCE

74.5

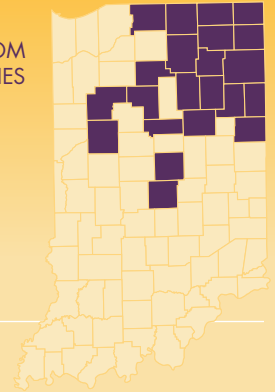
Families Served

The Ronald McDonald House inside Parkview Regional Medical Center

SERVED 33 FAMILIES FROM FOUR OTHER STATES



SERVED FAMILIES FROM 22 INDIANA COUNTIES

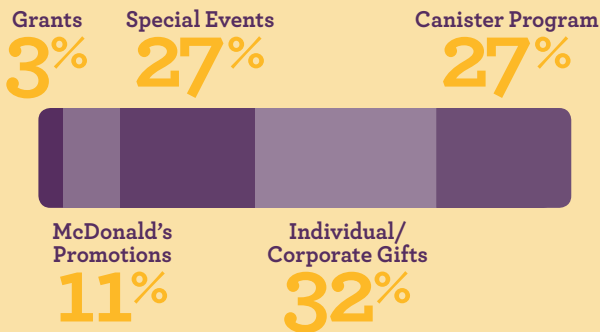


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January-December 2013

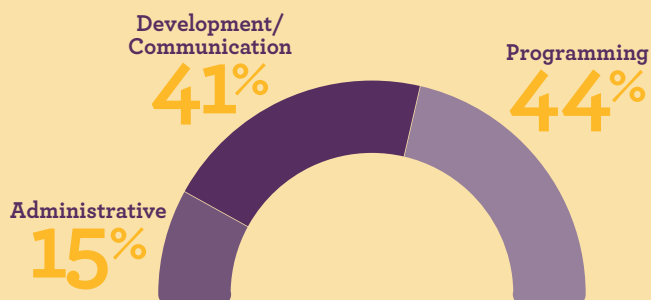
REVENUE

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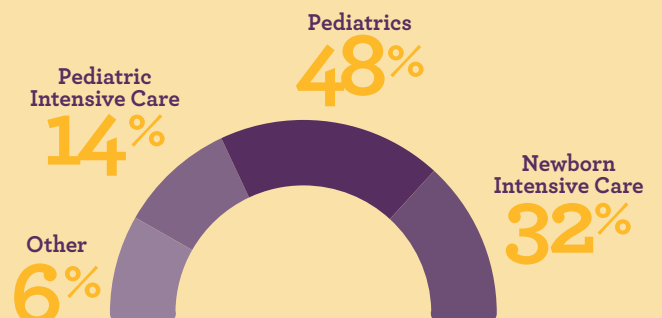


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\$305,979



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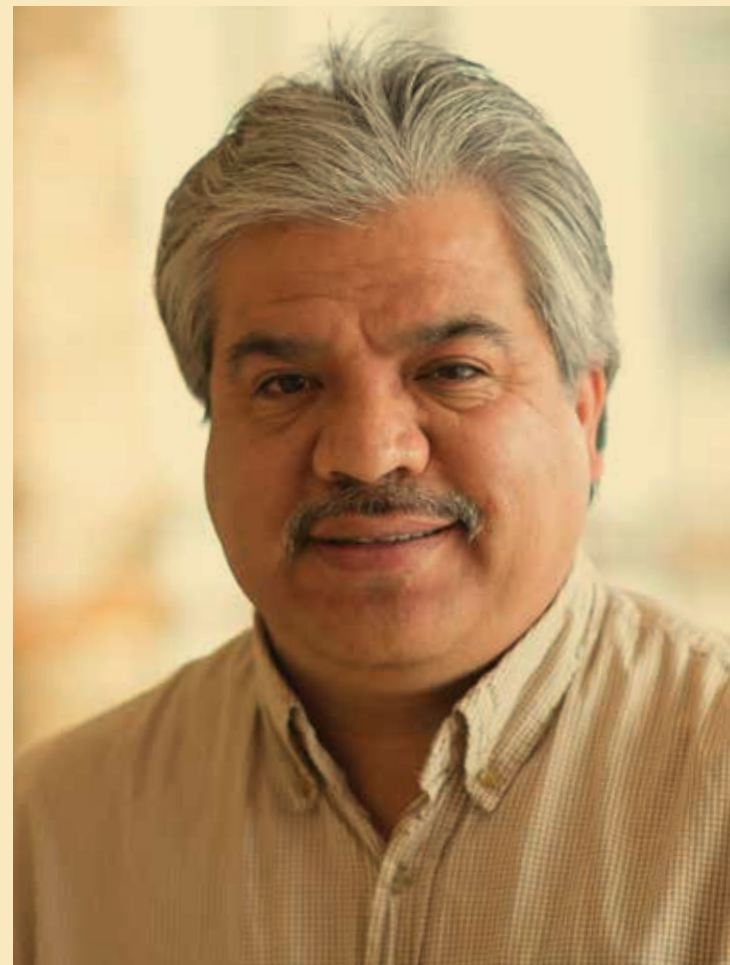
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