



Friends of the House

Friends of the House help care for families with critically ill and injured children through their gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Friends of the House are passionate young professionals dedicated to positively impacting the families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. Members get involved to raise awareness for RMHC Austin by:

- Providing meals for families at the Ronald McDonald House
- Volunteering at fundraising events
- Attending quarterly educational speaker series
- Volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House House & Family Rooms
- Coordinating social engagement events
- Hosting House Party, an annual fundraising event

Friends of the House include two membership levels - Friends Membership and Lifetime Friend Membership. Memberships have specific benefits to meet the needs of the vibrant, community-focused professionals who participate. Ranging in age from 25-40 with backgrounds in professions such as real estate, marketing, law and finance, these young philanthropists make a difference in the lives of families every year. Through fundraising and volunteerism, Friends raise the bar for young professional philanthropy in Austin.



Ronald McDonald House

Providing a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close to their hospitalized children, the Ronald McDonald House keeps families together, helping their children heal faster and cope better. Families have access to private bedrooms, home cooked meals from volunteers, laundry facilities and play areas for kids.



Ronald McDonald Family Rooms

RMHC Austin has three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms located inside St. David's Women's Center of Texas, Dell Children's Medical Center and St. David's Medical Center. The Family Rooms provide a supportive environment where families can rest and regroup just moments away from their critically ill children.



Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts helps families at their moment of greatest loss—the loss of a child. The program provides burial assistance to families unable to bear the cost to inter their children. We also provide bereavement supports groups and co-sponsor a memorial service to celebrate the lives of the children.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013, the Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provided **8,101** room nights for nearly **1,565** families so they could stay close to their children.

Healing Hearts helped **143** families in 2013 with burial assistance services and bereavement support.

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We are Friends helping families.

For more information, visit www.rmhc-austin.org/friends or email friends@rmhc-austin.org

Helping children **HEAL**

