



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
of Central Texas

Healing Hearts®

Comforting Families, Honoring Children

Impact

Established by the late Reverend Rhoda Montgomery in 1993 to support families who have tragically lost a child, Healing Hearts has provided more than \$800,000 in burial assistance funds and bereavement support counseling to families in Central Texas.

Providing Burial Assistance

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas® has always gone beyond lodging and support services to help families. Since 1993, RMHC CTX's Healing Hearts program has supported Central Texas families who have lost children due to illness or injury.

Suffering the loss of a child is a devastating sorrow. At times, families faced with this tragic loss do not have the financial means to cover the cost of properly interring their child. Through our Healing Hearts program, we ensure families are provided burial assistance to help ease the financial burden.

Helping Families Cope

RMHC CTX hosts bereavement counseling programs to help families who have lost children. Hospice Brazos Valley and Mending Hearts Grief Center will guide and comfort families in a private space as they cope with the loss of their child. For more information about the bereavement support group, please contact Katy Scott at kscott@rmhc-ctx.org.

Honoring Children in our Memory Garden

To honor the life of the child, RMHC CTX presents families who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms or who have participated in the bereavement support group with an engraved river rock. The rocks are placed in a tranquil memory garden at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station where families are welcome to visit their child's stone. T&L Stones of Bryan and Aggieland Grass & Stone in College Station have generously partnered to engrave and donate the memory garden stones for our Brazos Valley families.



For more information on how to apply for burial assistance funds, contact a hospital social worker or chaplain where the child was receiving treatment. If the child passed at home, please contact the local police department's victim services representative for information on the application process.

For more information, visit
rmhc-ctx.org/healing-hearts-program



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