

*"Family is the most important thing in the world."*

Princess Diana

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Dear Friends, Supporters and Stakeholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth (RMHFW), I proudly present the 2016 Annual Report.

As I started my service as President of the Board of Trustees of RMHFW this year, I did some reflecting on what was going to be my guiding principle during my two-year term. During that reflection, my mind kept returning to something I heard at a Ronald McDonald House Charities International Conference I attended a few years back. The question was asked, "What are the three things that we must consider when making a decision as a Ronald McDonald House?"...the answer being: "mission, Mission, MISSION!" That simple, but

powerful, adage stuck with me. Our stated mission is to "...provide a supportive home-away-from-home for families of children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals." Sometimes our mission is more succinctly reflected in the phrase "Keeping Families Close." With this in mind, I want to assure those of you who are friends, supporters or stakeholders of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth, that our board and the amazing staff will always keep the mission of the House in mind when making the biggest of decisions and also when making the most routine, every day decisions. Our focus on the mission of the House helps us ensure that we are doing the right thing for our families and our community for the right reason. When you visit the House, I can guarantee that you will see volunteers, staff members and board members who have hearts for families in crisis and who have a laser focus on the mission of the House.

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The service that the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth provides to this community is truly one of the most important and compassionate endeavors of which I have ever had the privilege of being a part. I hope that as a supporter of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth you feel the same.

I, and all our trustees, want to say thank you to our talented and compassionate staff, our tireless and caring volunteers, and our generous and loving supporters; we truly cannot keep advancing the mission of the House without each of you.

Please continue your support of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth, in whatever form that support may take, as we look forward to the rest of 2017 with a singular focus on **Keeping Families Close**.

Sincerely,

Joel Heydenburk



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Greetings, Friends!

2016 marked our 35<sup>th</sup> year in the Fort Worth Community! We're astounded at the rate of our growth. From our humble beginnings of our first House on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., just south of Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center, to our current 57-room facility, we've grown to serve close to 1,000 families each year. Furthermore, our Ronald McDonald Family Room located inside Cook Children's Medical Center, serves countless families and guests who visit the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. While we're proud of our growth and ability to serve an ever-increasing number of children and families each year, we recognize that we would not be able to provide our much-needed services if it weren't for all of you!

Thank you for your contributions of time, talent and treasure. We are so very grateful for every penny, wish-list item, pop-tab, volunteer shift, meeting spent, advice given and partnership shared on our behalf. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed," and each contribution is deeply felt by every family that stays at the Ronald McDonald House. They feel the love bestowed upon them even without knowing you.

What's next for the RMHFW? As partners in enabling family-centered care for more than 35 years, we strive to be part of the solution in improving the lives of children and their families. While we currently have no plans to physically expand our footprint for the next couple of years, we'll take a look at what we can do to expand and improve programming to better serve our families, both while they are here with us and after they leave to go back home. We look forward to sharing new initiatives and ideas with you, as well as, opportunities for involvement.

Thank you for steadfast support of our House. We hope you enjoy reading highlights from 2016, and as always, our doors are open! Please feel free to stop by anytime.

Warm wishes to you and yours,  
Jennifer

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## The Gomezes

### Finding a second home

In 2016, six year-old Alissa Gomez from San Angelo became clumsy, often running into different objects and walking funny. Her grandmother, Leah, suspected an ear infection was causing Alissa's clumsiness and imbalance. On April 14, they walked into the doctor's office expecting an ear infection diagnosis and walked out with a diagnosis for brain cancer.

Alissa was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a fast developing brain tumor. "That day changed our lives forever," Leah said. "What we love most about the Ronald McDonald House is just feeling at home with everyone. It's like our second family. Without their help, we would not be financially able to afford travel for Alissa's treatment." The House was able to provide the feeling of love that Alissa and Leah were missing from their own home back in San Angelo. The Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth was a "lifesaver" for the Gomez family.

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### The family impact in 2016.

Faced with a child's illness, life can become overwhelming very quickly and parents enter a world of fear and worry. *We believe that a home is more than four walls and a roof over your head. It is the intangible magic that transpires in shared moments.*

PATIENTS PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS



PREMATURE  
BIRTH



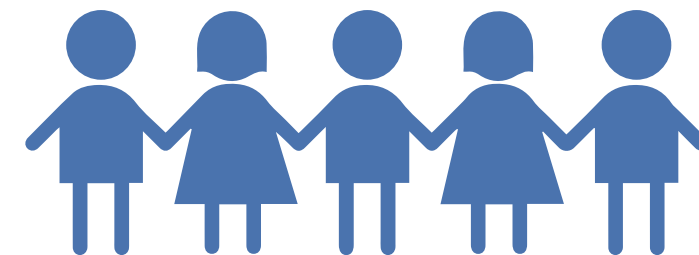
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**776** TX  
25 OK | 6 LA | 17 NM  
5 OUTSIDE USA | 118 OTHER



**947** FAMILIES

STAYED **13,270** NIGHTS

**14** DAYS AVERAGE STAY





## 35 Years of rest and refuge

**1981** The Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth opened its doors in an historic mansion with 11 family bedrooms on 8th Avenue.



**1996** A new, 20-bedroom House was built within walking distance to Cook Children's Medical Center, Harris Methodist Hospital and All Saints.



**2004** RMHFW expanded to serve 38 families each night. In addition, a Ronald McDonald Family Room was opened inside Cook Children's Medical Center.



**2013** 20-bedroom expansion opened, which brought the House to 57 rooms and 55,000 square feet. There are 365 houses worldwide in 42 countries and regions and 213 Family Rooms in 23 countries and regions.



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Since opening our doors in November, 1981, The Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth has been a place of rest and refuge for thousands of families at a time when they needed us most. We celebrated our birthday in 2016, and you celebrated with us. **Our goal was to raise \$35,000, but we raised more than**

# \$69,000.

*Thank you for being part of the celebration!*

## 2016 Donor Roll

It is with deep gratitude that we recognize our many donors from 2016.  
We honor gifts in the many categories to which they were made based on the following legend.

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## Breanna

### Giving back after adversity

Breanna Brietske, founder of the Student Volunteers' Art for a Cause, was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy at the 2016 National Philanthropy Day Awards in Fort Worth. Breanna is pictured right with Katherine Curtis, Association of Fundraising Professionals Fort Worth Metro Chapter President.

Breanna's vision for Art for a Cause stemmed from watching her mother become more and more ill while waiting for a kidney transplant. From her family's stay at Angel House in Houston, she learned first-hand just how difficult it is to be away from family and friends when coping with a serious family medical concern. Art for a Cause's inaugural goal was \$1,000, but it raised more than \$4,000. "Art for a Cause shows students how they can make a difference, and that's a very valuable lesson to learn at a young age," says Breanna.

Learn more about the Student Volunteer program; visit [www.rmhfww.org/get-involved/student-volunteers](http://www.rmhfww.org/get-involved/student-volunteers).

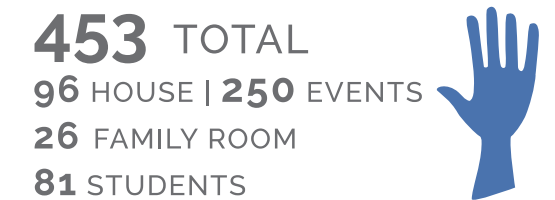
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### The volunteer impact in 2016.

Volunteers serve in many ways, helping to make the House a comfortable and supportive place for our families. Many volunteers work weekly shifts at the House or in the Ronald McDonald Family Room. Others provide support during special events. Our Student Volunteer program is growing by leaps and bounds, and Meals from the Heart is our largest volunteer program. *We believe that coping is measured in laughter, cups of tea and bedtime stories.*





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## The young professional impact in 2016.

The Red Shoe Society (RSS) is a diverse group of young professionals dedicated to the mission and vision of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth. As a dues-paying organization, they are now over 200 members STRONG! This committed group of individuals come together to form events, which financially benefit the House and spread the mission. Pictured above is Rise, Rally & Red Shoes cook team winners, Sam Gunderson, Laverne Gunderson, Marc Gunderson, Teddy Berdan, Garrett Essl, Darren Rall, Will Gunderson and Doug Bliss. Pictured left are Grant Ruhter, Ryan Hellen and Neil Barrow. *We believe that when families are together, they cope better.*



Front Row: Kimberly Talley, Callie Keyser, Kristy Leedy, Morgan Eichman, Holly Schaal  
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Zynathon Riders

**\$52,694**  
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Rise, Rally & Red Shoes	\$16,619
Zynathon	\$11,905
Gingerman	\$7,593
Third Party Events	\$3,819
Sip N Shop	\$1,150

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## The Snyders

### A House run on love

In May 2016, Aiden was diagnosed with Philadelphia positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia, which is more aggressive and harder to fight than most types of leukemia. That also meant staying in San Angelo for treatment was not an option; they would have to be in Fort Worth, away from family, until at least November.

"The news that your child is battling a life-threatening illness is impossible to understand in those early days. When you add the fact that Aiden's dad, Chris, and two-year-old sister, Ella, are in San Angelo and the rest of our family is in Ohio, you can feel all alone. But that feeling faded when we learned about the Ronald McDonald House. We easily found a place to sleep and get a meal, but it is so much more. This place is run on love and it is clear every day. I have come to learn that we have family in Fort Worth, they just happen to work at the Ronald McDonald House," says Erica.

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*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does"*  
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## The Wild Game Dinner impact in 2016.

The annual Wild Game Dinner of the Fort Worth Club's Outdoor Sports Club has been a mainstay event for RMHFW for more than 16 years, and 2016 proved to be a record-breaker! The event was a huge success because of the astute leadership of Don Marable, RMHFW board member and Outdoor Sports club member, presenting sponsors Jeff Morton and Dale Gilreath of Gilco Contracting, and many dedicated committee members. The Snyder family also shared their personal story with event attendees. Pictured above are Will Courtney and Don Marable. *We believe that for a sick child, the best medicine of all is having family nearby for more hugs, kisses and I love you's.*

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## In-Kind Donations

Hundreds of in-kind donations have a tremendous impact on our annual budget. In 2016, the cash equivalent totaling more than

**\$355,649**  
was made to our mission.

Legend Bank (pictured here) collected wishlist items from their branches and delivered them to RMHFW summer 2016. Summer is typically a low donation period, so their timing was perfect.



## *The Turners*

### A community of love

In 2014, nine-month-old Owen experienced a stroke and upon further medical examinations, it was discovered that Owen had leukemia. Allison's, Joseph's and Owen's lives were suddenly uprooted from their tight-knit community of Godley and temporarily relocated to Fort Worth so Owen could receive treatment at Cook Children's Medical Center.

The Turners found a home at the Ronald McDonald House and their community quickly surrounded them and the House with support. As Owen received his treatments, residents of Godley and Allison's school rallied together and collected wishlist items for the House and participated in our Share the Love campaign on behalf of the Turners. When Owen and his parents come to town for follow-up appointments, they always stop by RMHFW. He is now five and doing well.

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## *The Roadhouse impact in 2016.*

The Roadhouse, presented by Motor Home Specialist, returned in 2016 with Clint Black as our headliner. Event co-chairs Don Marable and Cynthia Prince enthusiastically set a goal to surpass the inaugural year, which we did! Over 750 guests came out to the Will Rogers Pavilion and were entertained by Brian Kelley, Sonny Burgess, Jolie Holliday and Clint Black. The Turner family also shared their personal story with event attendees. Pictured above is Doug and Sharon O'Banion with Clint Black. *We believe that keeping families close empowers well-being.*

**\$127,000** raised



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Don Marable, Cynthia Prince, Allison Turner, Owen Turner, Joseph Turner and Jennifer Johns



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## *Calls from Santa*

Calls from Santa, a holiday fundraiser designed to bring cheer to children, benefits the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth and Alliance For Children. 2016 was the first year for this event; however, in year's past The Warm Place hosted *A Phone Call from Santa*. This organization graciously offered the program to AFC and RMHFW in 2016 when they elected to discontinue it.

For two magical evenings in December, children received calls from guest Santas. Two "real" Santas made FaceTime calls. We are grateful to our 2016 Santas:

Ryan Barerra  
Frank Cappuccio  
Matthew Green  
Jim Harmuth  
John James  
Andy Johns  
Richard Jones  
Brent Kessler  
Nick Klaus  
Brent LaRiviere  
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Alan Lundgren (*pictured right*)  
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Danny Stroud  
Mike Weber



# Calls from Santa

Phone Call  
**\$20**  
Per Child

Face Time  
**\$50**



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### Planned Giving

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Planned giving is one of the easiest ways to support the mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth. A planned gift is typically made from assets in your estate rather than from disposable income, and comes to fruition upon your death. With just a little planning and a big heart, you can arrange a charitable plan that brings hope and help to sick children and their families.

Your planned gift directly impacts our endowment, which ensures that RMHFW is in the Fort Worth community for many years to come.

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*"Even the smallest person in the world can change the course of the universe."*

J.R.R. Tolkien

## Planned Giving impact in 2016.

Our planned giving society, *Legacy of Love*, continues to grow each year. While gifts from bequests or estates have been received by RMHFW for years, it is only within the past few years that we created an organized society aimed to educate our donors that planned giving is an easy way to make gifts to the House. In 2016, we received gifts from three estates with those proceeds flowing directly into our endowment. A strong and growing endowment speaks directly to the financial health of our nonprofit. We have also received notification from four individuals that they have included RMHFW in their estate plans. Individuals who have made a bequest or estate gift to RMHFW are welcomed as lifetime members of our *Legacy of Love Society*. Members are regularly recognized (per their preferences) and thanked for their enduring generosity. *We believe that our organization eases financial stress by keeping families close to each other and the medical care their children need.*

**\$311,750** received

### How to make a Planned Gift

A planned gift can help you make a more significant gift than you might have otherwise imagined without sacrificing income or security for your own family. Your professional advisor can explore with you the best type of planned gift, but some of the most common types of gifts include:

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To let us know that you have named the RMHFW in your will or estate plans, please contact:

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