

Light The House

for families at
Ronald McDonald
House BC and Yukon



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
British Columbia & Yukon



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Dear Friend of the House,

The Holidays are a special time of year and all families have just one wish: to cozy up and spend quality time with their loved ones. At Ronald McDonald House British Columbia and Yukon, we ensure that families who are far from home can celebrate together and enjoy the festivities of the season, even while they are going through the most difficult of times as their child receives life-saving medical treatment.

While we continue to safely host family activities at the House, one thing that won't change is the welcoming home away from home that RMH BC & Yukon provides for families.

Here's how you can help make the Holidays bright at RMH BC & Yukon this year:

- 1. Adopt a tree in the House and gift a family the special moment of decorating it together. Light the House tree donors are invited to join our families at the House for a special tree-lighting celebration on November 28, 2024!**
- 2. Donate \$250 to Gift a Night and help keep a family close over the Holidays.**
- 3. Assemble your team of colleagues to organize a toy drive and fulfill families' wish lists.**

Your support will give families the simple comforts of home: a comfortable bed, a kitchen to enjoy a home-cooked meal and a place to put up their feet at the end of a long day. Your generosity will also provide a community of support for families who are away from home during the holidays, and help provide joy, tradition and normalcy at a time when their lives are anything but normal.

We hope that you will consider joining us to Light the House for RMH BC & Yukon families this year.

Yours truly,



Richard Pass
Chief Executive Officer
Ronald McDonald House BC and Yukon

About Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon

When the unthinkable happens and a family is uprooted for their child's critical medical treatment, there are many barriers they must overcome to stay together. Hotel stays are expensive, siblings need to be cared for, and staying in the hospital long term is unsustainable. That's where the RMH BC & Yukon comes in. A trusted and provincially mandated charity for over 40 years, we have served over 25,000 families and counting.

Our House is built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child. By easing the financial and emotional burdens of caregivers and by taking care of important practical needs, our House allows parents to focus entirely on caring for their children.

More than a place to stay, RMH BC & Yukon provides a community of support and makes special moments possible every day: bedtime stories, home-cooked meals, and time spent celebrating holidays with family and friends.

Meet the Hawkes Family

From Victoria, BC

For families like the Hawkes family, it's the little things that make all the difference as they battle a serious illness far from home: things like sitting down to a family meal, playing outside in the snow or decorating a tree together.

When Ella Hawkes was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, she and her parents Stephen and Angie had to leave for Vancouver right away. They ended up staying for 10 months, and were only able to return home twice. Staying at RMH BC & Yukon turned their fears at being away from home into relief, with programs such as Family Meals, Art and Music Therapy helping to ease their burdens.

"Ella couldn't be treated in Victoria, and children need their families with them," says Stephen. "Supporting RMH BC & Yukon is the best way to support families that are going through difficult times,"



RMH BC & Yukon serves up to **2,000** families like the Hawkes family each year in our **73-bedroom** House.



Families stay with us anywhere from a few days to over a year. The longest consecutive stay by a guest family last year was **365** nights.



No one expects to spend the Holidays in the hospital, but you can help Light the House for RMH BC & Yukon families.

How To Get Involved

1. Gift a Special Holiday Memory to a Family by Adopting a House Tree

Be part of the holiday festivities at Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon! By adopting a Christmas tree in the House with a generous \$2,500 donation, you help families make precious memories while they are far from home. You can also send in ornaments for your adopted tree, which families use to decorate together.

All Light the House tree donors are invited to join us for a special tree-lighting celebration on **Thursday, November 28, 2024**. We can't wait to share the results of our families' creativity!

Contact partnerships@rmhbc.ca to Adopt a Tree.

2. Gift a Night for a Family

Making a donation is the most direct way to support families at RMH BC. For many families from BC and Yukon communities, their child's major treatment can't wait and they need to spend the holidays far from home. You can help make the holidays bright for these families and give them safe and welcoming accommodation when it matters most.

Gift a Night for \$250 today!

3. Fulfill Family Wish Lists

Assemble your team of colleagues to make a lasting impact together over the Holidays. Host a toy drive at your workplace or check out our Wish List to help fill needs - and stockings - for families this holiday season.

[See our Wish List.](#)



Visit rmhbc.ca/light-the-house to view our Wish List, to Gift a Night or for additional ways to get involved with your organization.

Ways to Give



Credit Card

(We accept all credit cards)

To pay by phone:

Verity Gallagher on 604-736-2957 Ext. 3105

Yvonne Murphy on 604-736-2957 Ext. 3102

[Click to pay through our website](#)



Direct Deposit/EFT

Please send e-Transfers to donations@rmhbc.ca

OR

Contact our team at donations@rmhbc.ca for wire transfer details.



Fundraise

Claim your customizable fundraising page and collect donations from friends, family and the community.

[Start fundraising today](#)



Cheque

Made out to RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE BC & YUKON
and mailed to:
4567 Heather Street
Vancouver, BC V5Z 0C9

*Cash donations are also accepted. These must be delivered in person to the House, where the amount can be verified.

**To pay through Gifts of Securities, please use the [Gifts of Securities form](#).



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