



# THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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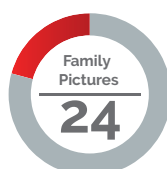
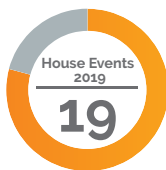
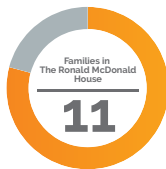
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## RMHC Ireland Our Mission

The mission of RMHC Ireland is to provide a Ronald McDonald House in order to support families whose children are seriously ill in hospital. The Ronald McDonald House provides accommodation and a caring and supportive environment for families whose children are seriously ill and are hospitalised or undergoing medical treatment at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12



## Our Vision

Through our committed board members, our caring staff, our dedicated volunteers and our generous donors and supporters we aim to provide a caring and supportive environment for families so that they can stay together and be actively involved in their children's care while they are long term in hospital.



## A Message from our Chairperson

*Dr. Bruce Mitchell*

The Ronald McDonald House Charities in Ireland supports families whose children are seriously ill in hospital. Our House provides a caring and supportive environment for 20 families every night while their seriously ill children are undergoing treatment at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

In 2018 we had the privilege of providing care and vital resources to 321 children and their families from all over Ireland. RMHC proudly provides access to quality health care and helps to ensure that families can be actively involved and participate in their children's care. Our Annual Report affords us the opportunity to thank the many people who make what we do every day possible. Your generosity makes an enormous difference for so many families.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our gratitude to Marian Carroll, our CEO (volunteer) and all the staff and volunteers who make such a worthwhile contribution to so many families at a time of great vulnerability and need. Since we opened in November 2004 we have provided a very valuable and necessary service for over 3,788 families from all over Ireland. It is not numbers that makes our House a Home. It's the people - the staff, the volunteers, the donors, the families and the community. It is the warmth, the sharing of joy and sorrow, the listening ear and the supportive hug, the courage and the love that makes our House a Home

RMHC is committed to the highest standards of governance. Our charity will always remain in the vanguard of those which ensure that funding raised through the generosity of all our donors will remain maximally available for the purposes for which it was donated. RMHC Ireland is fully committed to achieving the standards contained within the Statement of Guiding-Principles-of-Fundraising and we comply with The Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector in Ireland. As committed members of Charities Institute Ireland we operate, as required by Cii, to the triple lock standards of transparent reporting, good fundraising and governance.

RMHC is led by a caring, enthusiastic and committed Board of Trustees who share their insights and expertise to help advance our mission. Their perspective and expertise are critical to enabling us to serve our families. I thank them for all they do to help look after our families when they are going through a very difficult time.

2019 will be another busy year for The Ronald McDonald House Charity, Ireland. Our 5-year objective is to develop and build a New 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House, adjacent to the New Children's Hospital when it opens in 2022.

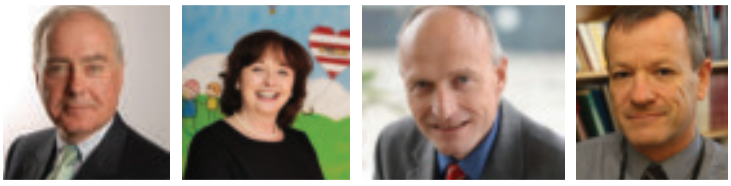
Your continued support will be necessary as the Charity cannot achieve its goals without you.

Dr. Bruce Mitchell  
Chairperson RMHC Ireland



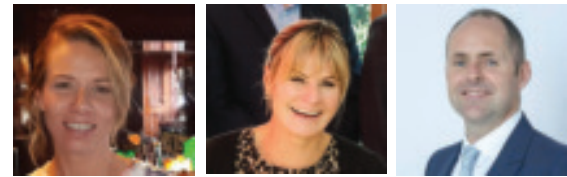
### Board of Directors

**Chairperson: Dr. Bruce Mitchell**  
 (MBBCh, FRCP, FRCPI), CEO Airmid Health Group  
**CEO (Volunteer): Marian Carroll,**  
 (Company Director, 20 years an RMHC Volunteer)  
**Treasurer: Dave Bobbett**  
 (Owner & MD H&K International)  
**Company Secretary: Prof. Aengus O'Marcaigh**  
 (Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, OLC Hospital Crumlin)



### Trustees

Alison Cowzer (Managing Director, The Company of Food)  
 Jimmy Edwards (Director of Operations, Franchising & Supply Chain McDonald's Ireland)  
 Bernard Byrne (McDonald's Owner Operator, Carlow, Wexford & Dublin)  
 Martin Foy (Director Brennan Foy & Co Engineers Ltd – father who stayed in the House)  
 Rosie Conneely (mother who stayed in The House)  
 Carolyn Odgers (Business Director at OMD Ireland)  
 Diarmuid Geary (FCA, Director Limetree Global)



All Board Members, including our CEO, kindly donate their time and their services on a voluntary basis. The CEO receives no remuneration package. The Board meets 4 times a year. Attendance is recorded. All Board Members complete Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Statements annually. Our Board Composition is fully compliant with the Operating Licence we receive from RMHC Global.

### Board Sub Committee:

**Fundraising:** Marian Carroll, Jimmy Edwards, Martin Foy, Bernard Byrne, Rosie Conneely, Carolyn Odgers, Diarmuid Geary (Attended by Joe Kenny)  
**Finance/Remuneration/Governance:** Bruce Mitchell, Dave Bobbett, Diarmuid Geary (attended by Kevin Keenan)  
**Risk:** Carolyn Odgers, Jimmy Edwards, Diarmuid Geary, Marian Carroll, Kevin Keenan  
**Crumlin House:** Aengus O'Marcaigh, Marian Carroll, Martin Foy, Rosie Conneely (attended by Joe Kenny)  
**New House:** Bruce Mitchell, Marian Carroll, Alison Cowzer, Martin Foy (attended by Kevin Keenan, Joe Kenny)  
**Hospital Liaison:** Aengus O'Marcaigh  
**McDonald's Restaurants UK & Ireland | Owner Operators Liaison:** Bernard Byrne & Jimmy Edwards

### Committees for RMHC Events

#### Cycle

Joe Kenny  
 Louise Quail  
 Jenny Farrell  
 Geraldine Gleeson  
 Joanne Kiely  
 Marian Carroll

#### Walk

Joe Kenny  
 Marian Carroll  
 Louise Quail  
 Jenny Farrell  
 Joanne Kiely  
 Sharon Keogh  
 Families around the country

#### Golf

Marian Carroll  
 Louise Quail  
 Joe Kenny  
 Richard Boland  
 Joanne Kiely  
 Marie Therese Swan

#### Ball

Marian Carroll  
 Joe Kenny  
 Joanne Kiely  
 Louise Quail  
 Sharon Keogh

Brenda Donohue

Johne Murphy

Shane Jennings

Dr. Marc O'Gríofa

Maurice McGeehan



# RMHC Ambassadors



## A Message from our Treasurer *David Bobbett*

2018 demonstrated, yet again, the wonderful support The Ronald McDonald House Charity receives from so many. The generosity of individuals and corporations who donated in 2018 is not only appreciated by the Charity but also by the 306 families who stayed with us during the year.

In 2018 we raised **€1,313,950**. This incredible support allows us operate The House, look after our families every day and assists us greatly as we look to fund the building of a New Ronald McDonald House which we intend to open alongside the New Children's Hospital on the St. James's Campus in 2022.

The Ronald McDonald House Charity Ireland is committed to efficiency, transparency and accountability to ensure the funds we receive are used to benefit the families we serve. We have adopted the use of Charities SORP (FRS102) in our financial statements. Our full Audited Accounts for 2018 are available on our website [www.rmhc.ie](http://www.rmhc.ie)

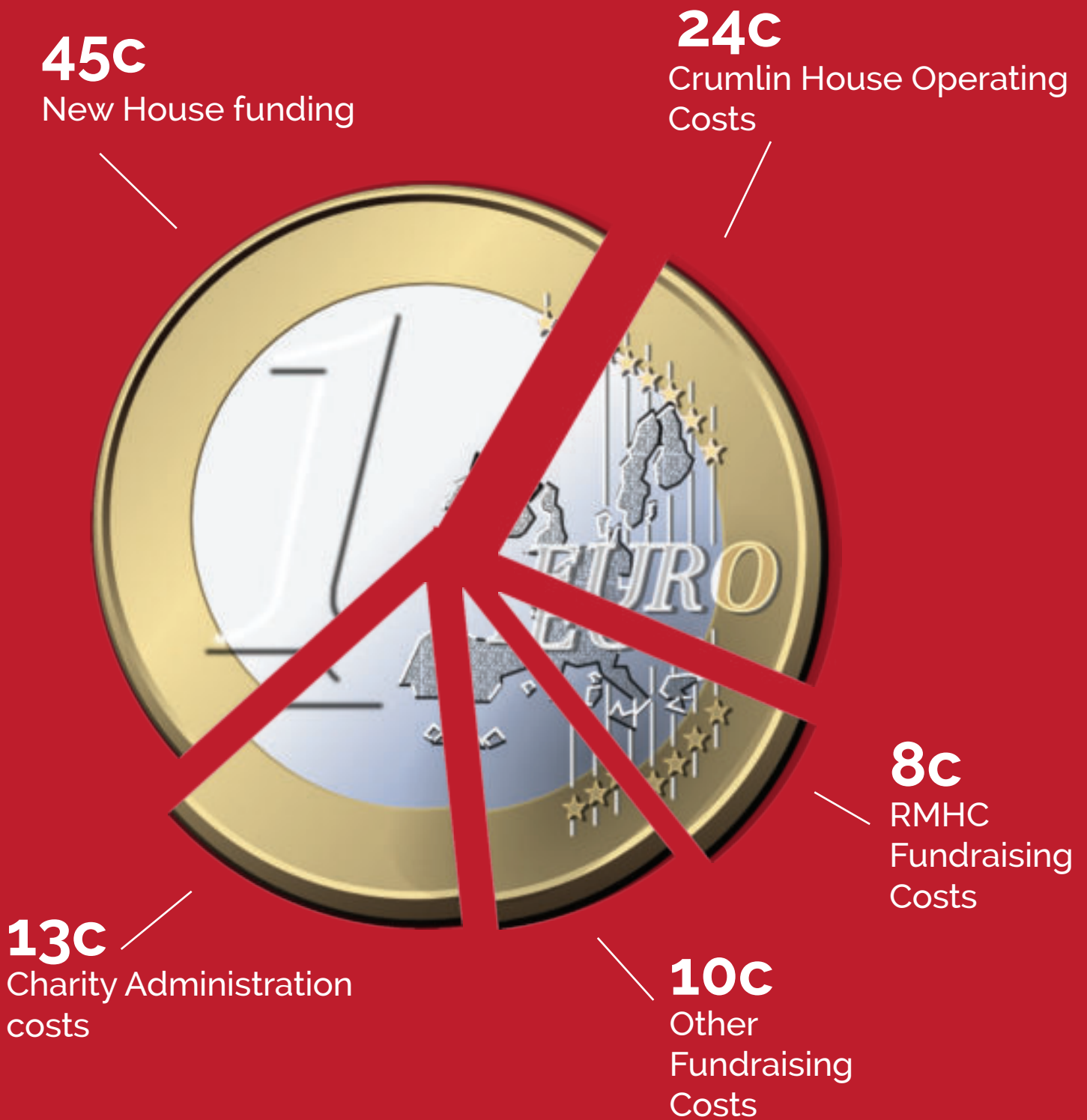
David Bobbett  
Treasurer RMHC Ireland





## Where *YOUR* Money Goes

Every €1 you kindly donated in 2018 was spent in the following way in order to help families going through a very difficult time.



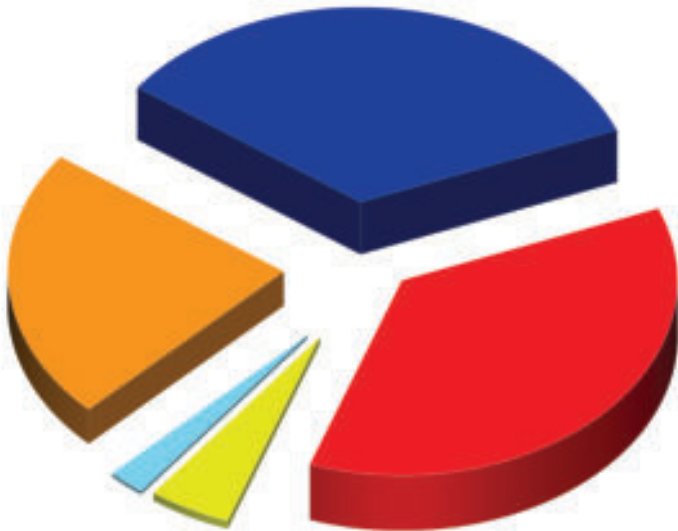


# Where **YOUR** Money Goes

## Source of Funds



**€1,313,950**



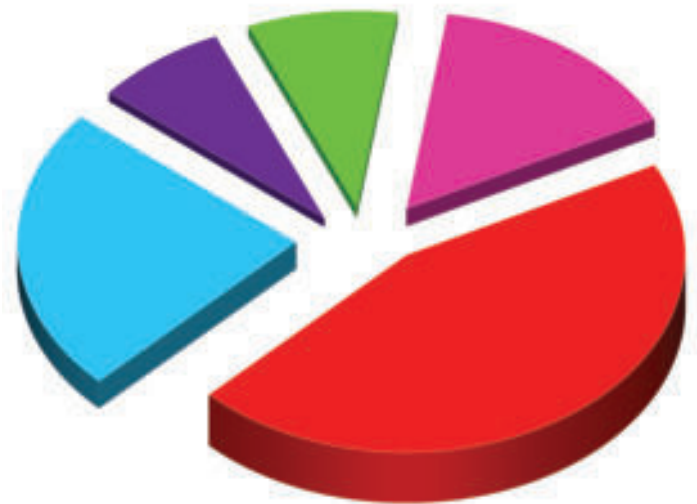
Source of Funds

	€
Charity Fundraising Events	295,563
McDonald's Customer Donations	446,645
Other Donations and Fundraising	478,650
Crumlin House income	64,085
Investment income	29,007
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,313,950</b>

## Use of Funds



**€1,313,950**



Use of Funds

	€
Crumlin House Operating Costs	308,368
RMHC Event Fundraising Costs	100,811
Other Fundraising Costs	137,130
RMHC Administration Costs	175,598
New House Funding	592,043
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,313,950</b>



## A Message from our CEO (Volunteer)

*Marian Carroll*

With only one full-time staff member and ten-part time staff a considerable amount of work was done by RMHC Ireland in 2018 by very few but very special people.

We could not look after our families or conduct our fundraising events without the help and support of our staff and our many wonderful volunteers. I thank each and every one of you for helping our families through very difficult times and for helping us to raise the funds required to continue the work we do.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Liz Nolan in March. Liz was our Charity Manager from before we opened The House in 2004. Her dedication to and support for our families and the work of the Charity was exceptional. Liz will be missed by all of us here at The Ronald McDonald House Charity. We wish her all the best for the future.

We have so many people and companies who make a special effort to help us throughout the year. I would like to say a special Thank You to all of you. Looking after our Families is possible because of your support and generosity. A full list of all our sponsors, donors and supporters can be found on page 20.

RMHC Ireland is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance to ensure full transparency in how we operate. We are fully compliant with all relevant Irish charity legislation and regulatory frameworks. We are fully compliant with our RMHC Operating Licence. We are fully compliant with the Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations. We have signed up to the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations Fundraising from the Public. We have adopted the use of Charities SORP (FRS102) in our financial statements and we fully endorse the work of the Charities Regulatory Authority.

In 2018 we continued to work very closely with the New Children's Hospital Group Board, The New Children's Hospital Development Board and the HSE with a view to providing a new 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House alongside the New Children's Hospital. Raising the necessary €19 million will be a challenge but one we face with determination and enthusiasm knowing that families will need us to provide the care and support they will need when their children will be long term ill in The New Children's Hospital. In 2019 we will continue to provide accommodation, care and support for families whose children will be inpatient in Our Lady's Hospital in Crumlin. We will also continue to raise the funds that are required to provide our service here in Crumlin and to help us build our New House alongside the New Children's Hospital. We look forward to sharing this journey with our many friends and supporters.

Marian Carroll  
CEO (Volunteer) RMHC Ireland



## Charity Staff



**Marian Carroll**  
CEO (Volunteer)



**Kevin Keenan**  
Financial Officer



**Joe Kenny**  
Head of Operations



**Liz Nolan**  
Charity Administrator  
(Until March 2018)



**Louise Quail**  
Charity & Corporate  
Relationship Manager (April)



**Joanne Kiely**  
Digital Media & Fundraising  
Administrator



**Sharon Keogh**  
Community Fundraising & Events  
Manager (June)

## House Staff



**Jenny Farrell**  
Assistant  
House Manager



**Sandra Seery**  
Assistant  
House Manager



**Ellen Kearney**  
Assistant  
House Manager

## House Keepers



**Joan Power**



**Valerie Killeen**



**Sandra Fogarty**



## Volunteer's Story



EILEEN  
&  
JEAN



Eileen has volunteered in The Ronald McDonald House since 2012 and Jean since 2017. Both of them are retired and wished to do something useful with their spare time. So luckily for us they choose to volunteer their time to RMHC. Jean and Eileen said 'The House provides fantastic facilities and comfort for families when they need it most and volunteering gives us both great pleasure, assisting with whatever duties are needed to make life more comfortable for the parents'. They also said 'There is great friendship between, volunteers, staff and families and it's a great pleasure to be part of such a wonderful team'. One of their favourite memories of 2018 was making pancakes for the Families on Pancake Tuesday".



**VOLUNTEERS 2018**

→ **10,413 HOURS**

**SAVINGS** to THE CHARITY

**€213,802**

**NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS 1,598**

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS  
FOR HELPING US LOOK AFTER OUR FAMILIES

## RMHC IRELAND CORE VOLUNTEERS

Ayesha Shah | Amy Burke | Anne Donegan | Angela McDonnell | Anne Smyth | Bernie Carroll | Brendan Corrigan | Catherine Cheng  
Ceara Seery | Eileen Mitchell | Emer Keating | Ger Gleeson | Celine Langan | Ivy Keohane-Dore | Katrina Mooney | Kelly Mannering  
Lorcan Potts | Michelle Cafferkey | Mairéad Moran | Margaret Brogan | Marian Carroll | Maura Carolan | Martin Knowles  
Marian Gallagher | Mary Hurley | Maura Byrne | Michael Comerford | Moira O'Flaherty | Paul Hamilton | Thomas Hamilton  
Seán Mahon | Stuart Connelly | Susan Radborn | Sandra Cox | Therese Fagan | Theresa Harford | David Harford | Tom Hayes  
Veronica Reid | Iris Hildebrand | Jean Reddy

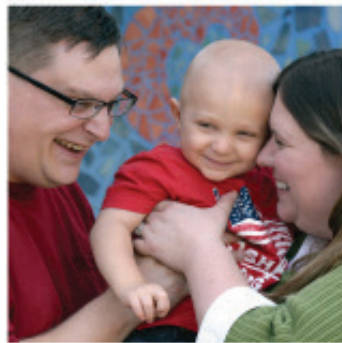


# 2018 Impact

Together we made a difference

Number of  
Families Served

**321**

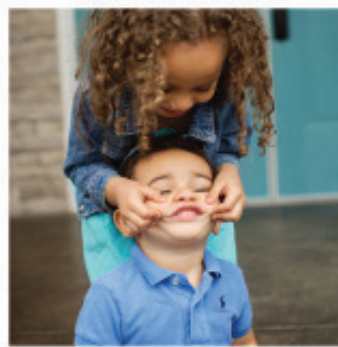


**97%**  
Occupancy



Number of  
Meals Prepared

**11,760**



**21**  
Average Nights  
of stay per Family

Longest Stay  
**26+**  
Months



Greatest Distance  
Travelled  
**362km**  
Beara Peninsula



**10,413**

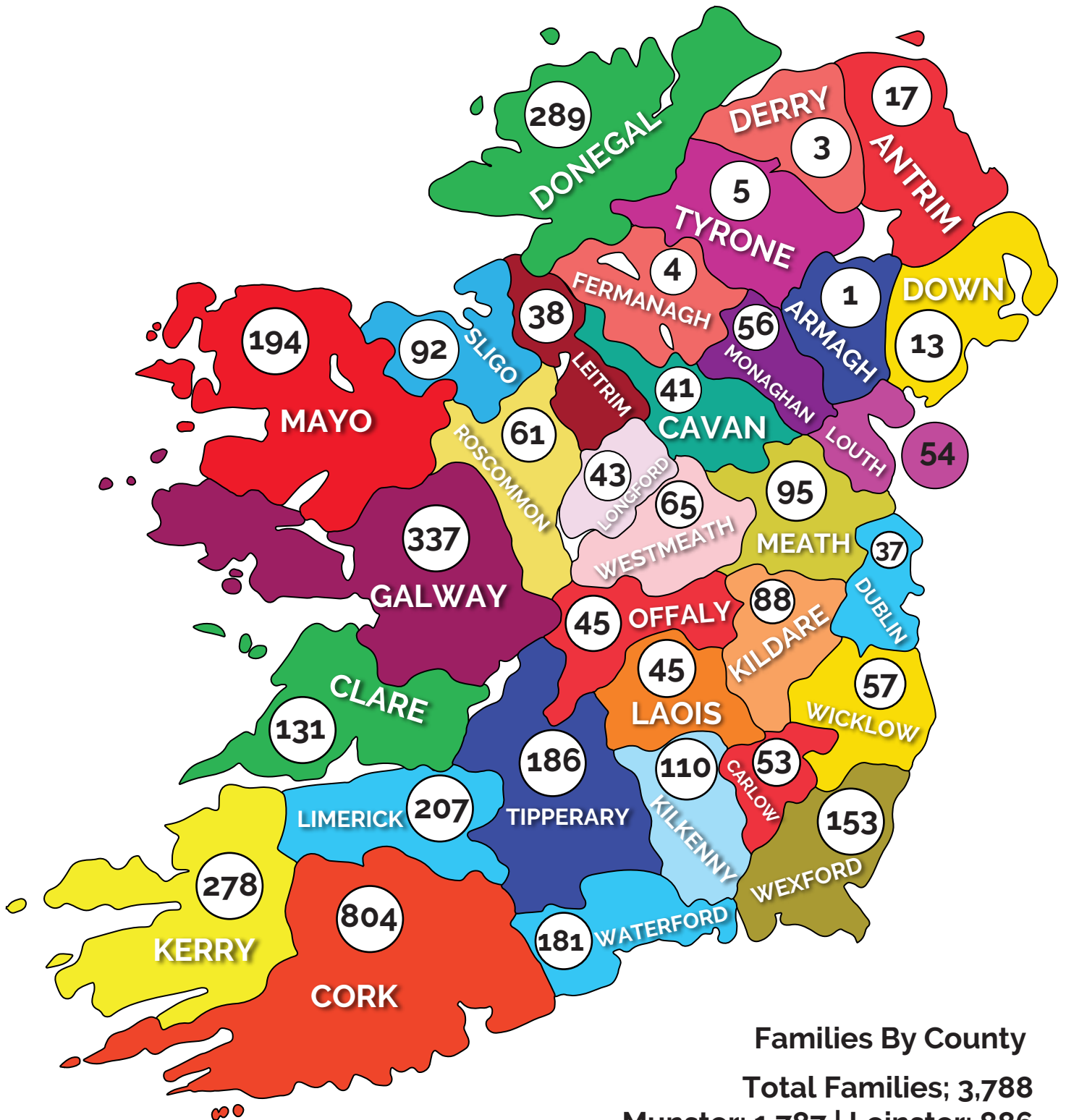
Number of  
Volunteers Hours



**28**  
Number of  
Counties Served



# Families IN THE Ronald McDonald House



## Families By County

**Total Families; 3,788**

**Munster: 1,787 | Leinster: 886**

**Connacht: 722 | Ulster: 388**

**Total Bed Nights: 86,946**

Families Outside Ireland

London: 2 | Netherlands: 1

Morocco: 1 | Slovak Republic: 1



## The Walsh Family, Co.Kildare



**“No matter what’s ahead, we know RMHC will be there for us. It’s a special place that’s not like anything else.”**

Lynn Marie and her 14-year old son, Elliot, have been staying in the Ronald McDonald House since June 2017 while Jessica receives palliative care in Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital in Crumlin.

When your child is sick, it affects the entire family. For the Walsh family, it all happened so quickly. Lynn Marie’s daughter Jessica suffers from a rare condition known as Retts Syndrome and needs 24 hour medical care as her condition worsens.

“Everything was disrupted, routines, all the things you take for granted, that keeps you grounded were no more” explains Lynn Marie.



“As all this was happening, I panicked because we knew we couldn’t afford a hotel room for as long as we needed to be at the hospital to stay close to Jessica. Thankfully, the Ronald McDonald House took this huge weight off our shoulders.”

Lynn Marie & Elliot were able to get a room at the Ronald McDonald House, so that they didn’t have to travel far and leave Jessica to be alone without her mother and brother by her side at all times. Lynn Marie reflects,

“When families are split apart, especially during tough times, it weighs on everybody, both mentally and physically. The gift of being together — it just makes you feel like you’re going to be okay.”



Along with getting to be close to her family in a time of need, Lynn Marie sees the value in being near other families going through similar situations. She explains,

“What’s a gift, too, it is to be able to connect with other families going through the same thing. It’s so precious and something that we cherish about the House. No matter what’s ahead, we know that RMHC will be there for us. It’s a special place that’s not like anything else.”



## The Quish Family, Co.Limerick

**"The work that The Ronald McDonald House do amazed me, they cooked food for us and when you were feeling down and needed time to think you could sit in the kitchen and even talk to others in similar situations".**

When Noah became very ill in 2017 he spent a lot of time in Limerick hospital but he kept deteriorating and the decision was made to send him to Crumlin ASAP. Thankfully just before we left for Crumlin a lovely lady in a room next to us told us about the Ronald McDonald House. I had heard of it but didn't know anything about it.

We arrived at the House and the staff were so welcoming and understanding and made everything so much easier. I don't know what we would have done as a family without the Ronald McDonald House as our daughter Leah who was 5 at the time was with us and we were able to stay together as a family. Leah was my distraction so I needed her to be with me as their daddy had to go back to work.

The work the Ronald McDonald House does amazed me. They cooked for us, food was always available, when you were feeling down and needed time to think you could sit in the kitchen and even talk to others in similar situations.

I remember when Noah was having his open heart surgery I was distraught, I sat in the kitchen that morning bawling and there was a team of men cooking. I got some breakfast and sat down and just couldn't eat it as I felt sick with nerves. One of the men noticed and said can I make you a cup of tea, that made me smile, it was such a nice gesture.

Leah's birthday was coming up and I didn't know what to do but wanted to keep things normal for her so she wouldn't suffer so I thought I would have a small party in the hospital but the staff in the House told me she could have her party there and she did. It was such an amazing day and all the family joined us.

The House were doing a photo-shoot for Wear Your Stripes day and asked Leah to be their model, this really took our minds off the bad days and gave us something to look forward to. It was the little things but I can't imagine what things would have been like without the House. I would never have coped and it would have been so much harder on us as a family. The staff are amazing and do such an amazing job and we can never thank them enough.





**Valentine's Day 2018**

Our Family Valentine's dinner was cooked by Maurice McGeehan & his team from Airbnb



**Easter 2018**

Easter Celebrations at The Ronald McDonald House



**Halloween 2018**

We celebrated with a Halloween party for all the children staying with us



**Christmas 2018**

Conor & Georgia Wafer from Kids Play Creche, Kildare Celebrated 10 years of cooking a delicious Christmas dinner for all our Families. Christmas would not be the same without them.





**The Beast from the East**  
 Thanks to the kindness of Colin & Eamon Seery who kept the path to and from the hospital cleared so our Families could visit their sick child safely



**Giant Jigsaw**  
 Linda Foley took on the amazing challenge of completing the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle while raising funds for The Ronald McDonald House



**Marty Whelan's visit at Christmas**  
 We were delighted to meet the great Marty Morrissey who accompanied Micheal Talty & team to present a cheque for €1,000. It was lovely to show Marty around the House and meet some of our families.



**St Coleman's College charity single for RMHC Ireland**  
 The students and their music teacher Sarah Barry recorded "Lean on Me" to support one of their school friends who was diagnosed with cancer. The single went to No.1 on the iTunes charts and No.17 on the Irish Charts



## Cooking4Families 2018

Coming home to a Home-Cooked-Meal is essential for our families. We could not run our **#Cooking4Families Programme** without the support all these wonderful companies and individuals who donate product and/or volunteer their time. Thank you all for helping us to look after families every day.

Accenture, AIB, Airbnb, Ancestry, Anne Marie & Ivor O'Donovan, Apple, Aрызta, Avolon, AWAC, AXA Finance Dept, Bank Of America Merrill Lynch, Bank of Ireland, Bank of Montreal Ireland plc, Bank of New York, BMS, BOI, CAE, Capital City Youth, Cashman Family, Catherine O Doherty, Catherine O'Doherty, Central Bank of Ireland, Dave Harford, Dell, Deloitte, Duff & Phelps, DWF, Elaine Noone, ELAVON, Equinix, ESB Trading, Experian Group, Fidelity, Force Point, Groupon, GSK Consumer Healthcare, Haven Pharmacy (Moloneys), Home Instead Senior Care, HSBC, Hughes Family, IBM, Intel, Irish Life, Irish Life / Canada Life, Josh's Place Ballymount, Katrina Mooney, Kerry Group, Laya Healthcare, Lex Consultancy, Lidl, Lindsey O'Toole, LinkedIn, Lisa Murphy, Margaret Walsh, Marina Botnari, Martin Brower, MasterCard, McDonald's Balbriggan, McDonald's Maynooth, Mediaworks, Microsoft, Morgan McKinley, Northern Trust, Novartis, OMD, Optum, Oracle, Paddy Power Betfair FS, Pim Family PJ Hegarty & Sons, Primeline, PTSB, PWC, Q Café, Rational Ft Services, Riot Games, Ruth Meehan, Ryan Family, Sage Ireland, Salesforce, Sarah Murray, Scully Family, Seán Mahon, Seán Meally Family, Sharon Keogh, Smith & Nephew, State Street, Symantec, Tara O'Sullivan, TCD Paediatric Society, The O'Toole Family, The Stars Group, Trinity College Dublin, Ulster Bank, VHI, Western Union, Woodlands Academy, Workday

**The Companies below kindly donate food products on a regular basis to assist our #Cooking4Families Programme:** Dawn Meats Group, Glenpac Bacon Products, James Whelan Butchers, Keelings, Rosie and Jim, Tesco and Tom Whelan Meat Products Ltd.





## Services for Families 2018

The following companies very kindly donate product and services to assist us in the day-to-day running of The Ronald McDonald House. Because of the generosity of these companies our running costs are greatly reduced. Thank you all for making a difference every day

Aramark, Avolon, Ballymaguire, Balsam Hill Christmas Trees, Belling, Bewleys, Bizimply, Castle Computers, Caterhire, Child's Play Crèche, Couverture, Crowdcomms, Crumlin Blinds, Crumlin Print, Diamond Furniture, Dulux, Evad.ie, Fantasy Lights, Farmhouse Café, Food Cloud Hubs, General Mills, Higgin's & Co., Hugh Jordan's, Irish Defence Forces, Johnson & Johnson, Kaneco, Keelings, Kelsius, KLM Fire, Kone, Largo Foods, Leading Edge, Liam Boland, Martin Brower, Microsoft, Molloy's Liquor Store, Musgrave's, Nespresso, O'Meara Camping, Paul & Thomas Hamilton, Power City, REW Electrical, Roschem Ltd, Sure Wash, TakeThemAMeal.com, Terry Daly, Tesco, Thorntons Recycling, Unbeatable Property Maintenance, Vinny Byrne Ltd, Waterlogic, Watermans Printers.





**RMHC**  
**CYCLE**  
 4 FAMILIES  
 €37,282

**RMHC**  
**GOLF**  
 4 FAMILIES  
 €43,482

**RMHC**  
**WEAR**  
 YOUR STRIPES  
 €33,925

**RMHC**  
**JINGLE BELL**  
**BALL**  
 €180,875



**THE KUBE**  
 €32,810

**TRENDS**  
 GOLF SOCIETY  
 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
 €41,923

**Lets Build Together**  
 €44,869

**VHI Mini Marathon**  
 €11,549



**PERMANENT TSB**  
**CHARITY PARTNER**  
 €53,980

**KILLEEN G.C**  
**CAPTAINS' DAY**  
 €22,923

**MORROW FAMILY**  
**DONEGAL**  
 €4,800

**CORK**  
**MINI MARATHON**  
 €11,985





# The Ronald McDonald House CYCLE4FAMILIES

The Blessington Lakes, Co. Wicklow  
Saturday 11 May 2019



# RMHC Ireland Golf Classic GOLF4FAMILIES 2019

Thursday June 13th 2019  
Dún Laoghaire Golf Club



CHARITY MOTORCYCLE RIDE  
BENEFITING  
THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES IRELAND  
& BIKERS RIDE OUT FOR PREMS

# FROM 12TH - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019



# WEAR YOUR STRIPES FOR RMHC

OCTOBER 4TH - 6TH 2019

Organise a Wear Your Stripes event /walk in your community, school or workplace



The Ronald McDonald House Charity Gala Ball 2019  
Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin  
Saturday 23rd November 2019





**We would like to say a special thank you to our main 2018 sponsors for their incredible support and commitment.**

Dave Bobbett, H&K International | Edmond Scanlon, The Kerry Group | Jeremy Masding, Permanent TSB | Mark O'Connor, Marcon Fit-Out  
Niall Browne, Dawn Meats Group | Paul Berrington, Martin Brower Ireland | Paul Pomroy, McDonald's UK & Ireland

**A very special mention also for all the Irish McDonald's Owner Operators. Their generous support and commitment for all**

**RMHC activities enables us to look after our families every day.** Aaron Byrne, Amir Afsar, Bernard Byrne, Brenda O'Loughlin, Christopher Pim, Chris Pocock, Elaine Sterio, Gerry Hayden, James Perry, Jim Ronayne, Joe Byrne, John Blake, John Gallagher, Kieran McDermott, Mark O'Halloran, Martin Hoban, Morgan McStay, Phil Danaher, Rhoda Cramp, Richard McNamara, Séamus Rawle and Seán Quirke

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**Thank You all for your wonderful support in 2018**



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We can only continue our work thanks to our supporters - the people and companies that support RMHC Events, the people who organise fundraising events for us, the people who run marathons for us, and the people who donate their loose change into our collection boxes.

We're grateful to each and every one.





# Our NEW Ronald McDonald House

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The Most Important  
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In The World



## The New Children's Hospital

A New Children's Hospital is currently under construction on the grounds of St James's Hospital in Dublin. The hospital will be built on a 6.3 hectare site on the campus of the south inner city hospital and will be opened by the end 2022 The New Children's Hospital is the most significant capital investment project ever undertaken in healthcare in Ireland. It will merge the three current children's hospitals - Temple Street, Crumlin and Tallaght - at a single location.

## New Ronald McDonald House

RMHC Ireland continue to work closely with the New Hospital Group Board, the New Hospital Development Board and the HSE in order to build and operate a new 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House alongside the new hospital. Raising the €19 million required to build the new House is a serious challenge but one we face with enthusiasm and determination as we know families whose children will be inpatient at the new hospital will need the first class care and comfort only a Ronald McDonald House can provide.

## New Ronald McDonald House Sponsorship Opportunities

Many Thanks to all who have already pledged to sponsor a room at our New House

Sponsorship Available	
Room	Cost
Family Kitchens   Room	€75 k   €25 k
Main Kitchen   Dining Room	€200 k x 2
Reception	€550 k
Garden	€100 k
Garden Paving Stones	25 x €15 k
Teenage Room	€75 k
House Utility Room	€75 k
Infant Room	€55 k
Food Pantry	€55 k
Garden Room	€25 k
Lift (x2)	€30 k x 2

Room Sponsorship	
Room	Committed
House Playroom	Yes
Volunteer Room	Yes
Community Room	Yes
Welcome Room	Yes
Day Room	Yes
Bedrooms (52)	Yes
Family Utility (5)	Yes
Garden Play Area	Miles4Smilies Sept 19
Bedroom (1)	TBC Camino 2019

### In-Kind Donations Committed

Company	Donation
Linesight	QS support
Dulux	Paints
Kaymed	Mattresses
Gerberit	Bathroom Fittings

We have many in-kind sponsorship opportunities available.  
Please contact us for more details: [marian@rmhc.ie](mailto:marian@rmhc.ie)

Thank you



## The History of RMHC

The RMHC story began in Philadelphia in 1974 when three-year-old Kim Hill, the daughter of Philadelphia Eagles football player Fred Hill and his wife, Fran, was being treated for leukemia at St. Christopher's Hospital For Children. During Kim's three years of treatment, the Hills often camped out on hospital chairs and benches and ate makeshift meals out of vending machines, while they watched other parents doing the same thing. They learned that many of the families travelled great distances to bring their children to the medical facility but couldn't afford hotel rooms.



The Hills knew that there had to be a solution. Fred rallied the support of his Eagles teammates to raise funds. Through Jim Murray, the Eagles' general manager, the team offered its support to Dr. Audrey Evans, head of the paediatric oncology unit at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Evans dreamed of a comfortable temporary residence for families of children being treated at her hospital.

Murray enlisted Don Tuckerman from the local McDonald's advertising agency, who with the support of McDonald's Regional Manager Ed Rensi, launched the St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Shake promotion. Funds raised went towards purchasing an old house located near the hospital.



On 15 October 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Philadelphia. In 1984 the Ronald McDonald Charities was officially established in memory of McDonald's Corporation Founder Ray Kroc, a strong advocate for children. In the intervening years Ronald McDonald House Charities has formed new and independent chapters in over 62 regions and countries.

There are now 368 \*Ronald McDonald Houses in 43 countries, 250 \*Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in 25 countries and 49\*Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles in 10 countries. In 2012 RMHC was honoured by the American Hospital Association as an exceptional partner in the delivery of health care services. Today at least one RMHC Core Programme\* provides care for families being served at 89% of top children's hospitals worldwide. RMHC is the world's leading NGO supporting the accommodation needs of families with children receiving treatment at a hospital.



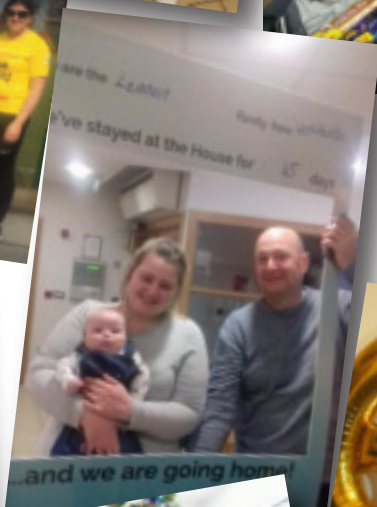
## The Ronald McDonald House Ireland

On the 8th November 2004 the first Irish Ronald McDonald House opened on the grounds of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. On 3rd March 2010 we opened our second House. The Ronald McDonald House in Ireland looks after 20 families every night. Since 2004 we have provided accommodation, care and support for in excess of 3,788 families from all over Ireland.

\*RMHC Core Programme: Ronald McDonald House, Family Room, Care Mobile.



# Family PICTURES





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