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HOUSE to Heart

From the Director's Desk:
Why Change?

Over the next few months, you may notice something different about our Ronald McDonald House. Our logo will have a simpler look, and even our name will be a little different.

Why change? It's a fair question. As I thought about the answer, I realized our families have been teaching it to us all along. I've never met a family who planned to stay at Ronald McDonald House. No one expects a premature delivery, a childhood diagnosis, or an accident that changes everything in an instant. Birth plans change. Family routines change. Priorities change. Hospital rooms replace bedrooms. Holidays look different. Birthdays are celebrated at a bedside. When a child is facing a medical crisis, life changes in ways no family could ever anticipate.

Through it all, one thing remains the same: family. That is why Ronald McDonald House exists. We cannot change a child's diagnosis, but we can change what a family's journey feels like. We can provide a warm meal, a comfortable bed, a place to laugh, a moment to breathe, and a reminder that families are not alone.

Just as families adapt to unexpected changes, we must continue to evolve to meet their needs today and into the future. Our new logo and name better reflect the families we serve and the future we are building together. While many things may change, our purpose and our commitment to keeping families close never will.

John Bauer, Executive Director



Featured Family
Meet the Maneckes



Luke was born on a Saturday morning and on that Monday, his parents, Ashlie and Dustin, were told that he was going to be transferred to Marshfield.

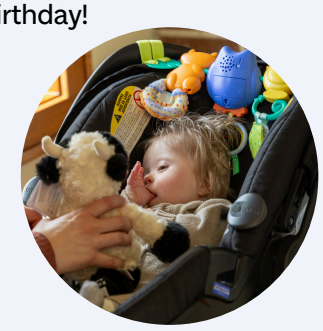
By the end of the first week, they learned that Luke has Down Syndrome - a surprise diagnosis. Two weeks in the hospital turned into two months. Instead of going home with their newborn, they made Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield their home away from home while they stayed close to Luke.

They were able to visit him, spend time as a family, and go back and forth as needed. When family or friends were surprised they didn't even need to drive to the hospital, Ashlie shared, "We could see the hospital right out of our bedroom window."

Ashlie also expressed that they were "very grateful for a place to stay, meals every day" and the genuine care for each of them.

Today, Luke likes to be held, eat and sing.
Soon, he'll be celebrating his first birthday!

Hometown: Chetek, WI



The House that Love Built

House Happenings

Pediatric Family Lounge Update







The Pediatric Family Lounge is a space located in Marshfield Children's Hospital serving families of in-patient Pediatric and Pediatric ICU patients. Whether caregivers and siblings are staying at Ronald McDonald House or not, they are welcome to enjoy the space, grab a free meal 24/7, and find a bit of respite from the hospital room environment.

Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of a $15,000 gift from the Jayna Kelley Memorial Foundation, the Pediatric Family Lounge was recently remodeled to create a more welcoming, comfortable environment complete that better meets the current needs of families. New seating, dining, snack and entertainment accommodations are now available to provide comfort and care.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Carmen Duran







Carmen, a local artist and longtime friend of the House, created beautiful custom artwork for the Pediatric Family Lounge. The Lounge is generously sponsored by the Jayna Kelley Memorial Foundation and Carmen thoughtfully painted a beautiful tribute to Jayna titled "A Soft Breeze on Your Face." Through her artwork, Carmen hopes to help create a peaceful, welcoming space where families can find a little comfort during their time at the hospital.

Thank you so much for your time, talents and generosity, Carmen!

The artwork was anonymously donated by friends of Carmen and RMH of Marshfield. We are so grateful for their gifts!

Her artwork can also be found in the Den!

Post-Camp Highlights



In July, 131 youth football players attended the 6th Annual Ashton's Football Camp. Along with a great coaching staff, the UWEC Football Team helped lead drills and encourage the young athletes. In loving memory of Ashton, they raised more than $8,100 to support families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield.

Thank you to Ashton's family and friends for their generous support and leadership. We are grateful for all the community members and businesses that attend or sponsor this special event.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING FAMILIES CLOSE

Stay tuned to Facebook for special announcements coming soon!