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# HOUSE to Heart






## From the director's desk:

## More Than a House



At our House, we've always believed in providing more than just a place to stay. Being just across the road from a child's hospital room offers a lot, but it's only the beginning of the care we strive to provide. We're more than a house.

In recent months, our team has poured their hearts into expanding programs that bring even more to the families we serve. From our growing Home for Dinner program to weekly pet therapy, sibling support, music outreach, and bereavement care, we're creating a space filled with love and meaningful support. One program we're especially proud of is our new Grab and Go meal initiative. This extends beyond our walls to deliver free meals directly to families in the pediatric departments at our partnering hospital. Since launching in mid-January, we've provided over 1200 meals!

This incredible growth is only possible thanks to our dedicated volunteers, compassionate staff, and the generosity of our community. Together, we are truly more than a house.



## Featured Family *Meet the Waldens*

In November of 2022, Vella, a normally healthy 13-year-old was fighting for her life against Toxic Shock Syndrome. Her mother, Renee, shared that "someone had arranged for us to stay at the Ronald McDonald House and we realized we hadn't even thought about what we didn't have with us or that we needed a place to rest, eat and shower. What a blessing to have a home away from home...and only a five-minute walk from our daughter's hospital room! Vella is doing well today but that wasn't the only time she was hospitalized and her family stayed at RMHC. Visit our Facebook page to read more about the Walden Family's story.

# The House that Love Built

## House Happenings

The 5th Annual Ashton's Football Camp benefitting RMHC of Marshfield is just around the corner! Not only will kids have the opportunity to learn from a talented coaching staff in the new Sonnentag Center, they'll learn valuable life lessons. All in loving memory of Ashton Adams. Register youth in grades 2-8 at eventbrite.com today.

*The Adams family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield while their one-year-old son, Ashton, received treatment for a rare form of brain and spinal cancer. For 127 days, Ashton had a loved one by his side 24/7. Tragically, Ashton passed away in April of 2020. We are deeply honored to have the Adams Family's year-round support and be the beneficiary of Ashton's Football Camp.*



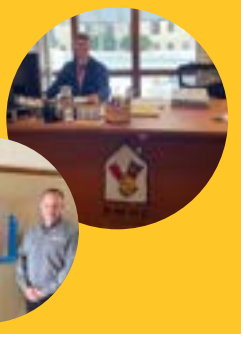
## Partner Spotlight

### WB MANUFACTURING + MARSHFIELD BOOK & STATIONERY

A heartfelt thank you to WB Manufacturing for generously donating lockers and mail bins to RMHC of Marshfield. These additions support our ability to offer day-use privileges to families in need of daily support.

We're also grateful to Marshfield Book & Stationery for providing a new office desk and chairs, helping us create a more efficient and welcoming space for both families and staff.

Both projects were beautifully crafted by the talented team at WB Manufacturing. We deeply appreciate their support in helping us serve families with care and comfort every day.



## Save the Date!

- **June 4 - Pop Tabs for Sophia** (400 Block, Wausau) Anyone is welcome to bring pop tabs.
- **July 16 - McDonald's Community Night** (Marshfield McDonald's) Stop by from 4-7 PM with a portion of proceeds benefiting RMHC of Marshfield.
- **July 30 - Ashton's Football Camp** (Sonnentag Center, Eau Claire) Kids entering grade 2-8 are welcome at this skill-building camp.
- **September 12 - 5th Annual A Round for the House Golf Scramble** (RiverEdge Golf Course, Marshfield) Join community businesses and RMHC families alike for an impactful, fun day on the course.

## Wish List Priorities

- **Grocery store gift cards**
- Travel size conditioner
- Forever stamps

Follow us on Facebook for weekly updates on "Wish List Wednesdays".

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## Did you know...

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vouchered nights have been needed to ensure no family is turned away due to RMHC being at maximum capacity.

**So far this year, there's been a greater need for hotel vouchers than ever before.** With RMHC at maximum capacity for more than 7 weeks between January and April, we're proud to partner with a local hotel to be able to offer families a convenient place to stay, free of charge to them, and they still have access to all RMHC amenities. You make it possible to help ease some of the stress or financial burdens families are experiencing. **Thank you!**

*When you make a gift of $100 or more, you can help provide a night at RMHC for a family in need. Make a gift today at rmhc-marshfield.org.*