



**RONALD McDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES®**  
*of Amarillo*

**Case for Support**  
*Keeping Families Close  
For Years to Come*

## **Introduction**

### *Our Mission*

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo provides comfort, care, and support in a home-like environment to families of children seeking medical treatment.

### *Our Vision*

All families of children seeking medical treatment will utilize the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo.

On October 15, 1974, the very first Ronald McDonald House, dedicated to keeping parents close to their ill children, opened in Philadelphia. Thanks to Dr. Audrey Evans, Philadelphia Eagles' player Fred Hill (whose daughter Kim had Leukemia), Leonard Tose, owner of the Eagles, Jim Murray, the Eagles' General Manager and Ed Rensi, the McDonald's Regional Manager, what started as a dream became a reality. Now, almost forty-five years later, there are 368 Ronald McDonald Houses, 250 Family Rooms and 49 Care Mobiles keeping families close in over 43 countries.

### **Keeping Families Close in the Texas Panhandle Region**

In August of 1983<sup>1</sup>, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo (RMHC of Amarillo) was opened with 10 bedrooms to serve families of ill children traveling to Amarillo. For over thirty-five years RMHC of Amarillo, supported by hundreds of volunteers, has helped over 15,000 families from the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico, Oklahoma and beyond.

Currently, RMHC of Amarillo consists of a 13-bedroom House and a Ronald McDonald Family Room in a partner hospital, Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems (NWTHS). The Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo is located in the center of the Harrington Regional Medical Campus (1501 Streit Drive), less than one mile from the two primary hospitals (NWTN and BSA).

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<sup>1</sup> A historical timeline of RMHC of Amarillo can be found as an attachment to this document.

Families who stay at RMHC of Amarillo tend to be the sickest, have traveled the furthest distances for care and spend the longest time in the hospital. In a 2016 peer study, RMHC of Amarillo compared to 21 other houses located in cities of like size and general makeup to Amarillo (Including Des Moines, IA, Wichita, KS, Bismarck, ND, Colorado Springs, CO, Buffalo, NY and Reno, NV). RMHC of Amarillo *ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the average number of nights* stayed by families. The average stay of a family at RMHC of Amarillo is 13 nights.

### **RMHC of Amarillo Focus on the Future**

The needs of families have changed tremendously since the inception of the House which initially served families of pediatric and adult patients. Since 2003, families of adult patients are no longer eligible for services with the exception of high-risk pregnancies. Our House is helping more families with more severe illnesses and complications caused by premature births. Providing these families with a facility that meets the standards for pediatric oncology, neonatal health, and immune-suppressed clients will be a blessing to Texas Panhandle families in need. Additionally, experience has taught RMHC that Houses must keep up with the changing needs and expectations of families in need of lodging.

RMHC of Amarillo desires to continue providing comfort, care and support to families of children seeking medical treatment into the future with meaningful impact and strategic expansion to position our local House for trending demands in the local medical community. With regard to strategies for the future, RMHC of Amarillo has the following guiding principles:

#### ***Excellence in Health and Safety of Facilities and Stewardship***

Providing a home-like environment for families is very important to RMHC of Amarillo, moreover, providing a facility that is safe and promotes a healthy environment for sick patients is of the utmost priority. RMHC of Amarillo's original building is over thirty-five years old and is in a state of continual repair. It has experienced increased operation and maintenance related expenses.

- Original areas of the House lack ADA compliance
- Insufficient heating and air conditioning systems which are constantly under repair due to their age
- Ongoing, repairable and unrepairable roofing issues
- Constant plumbing issues
- Replacement of exterior sprinkler heads
- Aging microwaves, ovens, and dishwashers
- Outdated interior and exterior security
- Inadequate and obsolete interior and exterior lighting systems
- Exterior windows in the guest rooms need to be replaced because they are residential grade windows and are no longer fully operable
- Exterior stucco is separating from the foundation
- Limited rooms for immunosuppressed and cancer patient families

- Lack of separate kitchen and dining areas for families of immunosuppressed cancer patient families

### ***Comprehensive Approach to Service for Pediatric Oncology Patients***

RMHC of Amarillo desires to provide a holistic approach to service having the ability to accommodate the overall needs of all families of children seeking medical treatment.

Specifically, some conditions cause immunosuppression – a reduction of the activation or efficacy of the immune system. This condition is found in oncology patients as the treatments for cancer, chemotherapy, typically cause a weakening of portions of the patient’s immune system.

As a result, patients experiencing immunosuppression require a living environment that prevents their weakened immune system from being compromised further. Therefore, these patients need a more segregated living space with individualized heating and ventilation systems.

In the past two years, RMHC of Amarillo has experienced a more than triple spike in immunosuppressed patients due to advancements in services provided for pediatric oncology in the Amarillo medical community. It is anticipated this trend will continue.

The current Ronald McDonald House can only accommodate one family of immunosuppressed patients simultaneously. RMHC of Amarillo desires to expand services to help all of these patients.

### ***Accommodations for Weary Families***

In the past, one of the approaches for RMHC of Amarillo was to promote community within the families who stay at the house. Therefore, kitchen facilities, televisions and other amenities are provided in a communal setting. None of these accommodations exist in the individual family rooms.

Based on client satisfaction surveys and RMHC global statistics and trends, families are indicating that a shared communal living space is not always ideal as they care for their ill child. They want a more private environment that allows them a place of refuge to rest after long days at the hospital with their loved one. Therefore, RMHC of Amarillo is shifting to provide families more conveniences in their rooms.

### ***Honorable and Prudent Stewardship***

As stated earlier, challenges with the current facility continue. RMHC of Amarillo desires to find long-term solutions to improve the overall health and safety of our families.

Furthermore, RMHC of Amarillo would not be where it is today without the generous support of loyal donors. The organization desires to be the best steward of donor dollars. The cost to

maintain the existing facility rises each year as original systems and equipment fail or become obsolete.

To be successful in accomplishing our guiding principles, RMHC of Amarillo leadership as determined the construction of a new building is necessary to efficiently meet the needs of all children and families in a more efficient, healthy and supportive environment.

It is determined that a new House will position RMHC of Amarillo to better support the anticipated increased demands that will exist over the next 10-20 years due to the advancement of services provided in the Amarillo Medical Community specific to pediatric patients.

### **Goals**

The overarching goals of RMHCA are to:

- Bridge access to top medical care for seriously-ill children who must travel long distances.
- Provide families with emotional and physical comfort and support.
- Enhance the child's and family's hospital experience.
- Improve the family's coping and cohesion, and child's recovery and outcomes.

Specifically for this capital campaign effort, RMHCA anticipates accomplishing the following:

- To raise \$3.5 million to support the construction of a new House for RMHC of Amarillo that will provide comfort, care, and support in a home-like environment primarily to all families of children seeking medical treatment from the twenty-six Texas Panhandle counties.
- To better serve children with immunosuppressed and neonatal medical conditions.
- To better serve all families of ill children.
- To build stronger partnerships with our panhandle medical communities and the families they serve.
- To be in ADA compliance and accessibility to our clients and their families.

### **Objectives**

- Accommodate the overall needs of all families of children seeking medical treatment including those children with immunosuppressed conditions
  - Increase from three room to all guest rooms to accommodate these children and their families
- Bridge access to medical care for seriously ill children who must travel long distances
  - Families are five minutes away from the two local hospitals; transportation provided if needed
  - Allow families an opportunity to interact with their child's care team
  - Support family care
  - Encourages family to spend more time with their child versus being on the road
- Provide an environment that allows families a place of refuge to rest after long days at the hospital in a more homelike atmosphere

- Families are provided an environment that allows them a place of refuge to rest, work and recharge.
- Each room will include a workstation, kitchenette (mini-refrigerator and microwave), and sitting area with television.
- Provide families with emotional and physical comfort and support from RMHC staff and volunteer provided meals in the evening.
- A reduction of exposure to other airborne and surface illness and infection.
- Provide periods of uninterrupted rests away from the clinical setting.
- Improving the family's coping and cohesion, and the child's recovery and outcomes
  - Staying close by, relieve the stress of paying for a hotel room, and support from RMHC staff.
  - Accessibility to outdoor amenities such as MediPark, Botanical Gardens, Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, the Discovery Center, AMBUCS inclusive playground.
  - Parent is available to meet the child's need in the hospital
- Reducing some of the burdens that can lead to post-traumatic stress when families return home.
  - Financial burden - a family would save close to **\$2,000** in lodging, food and incidental expenses for an average length of a thirteen-day stay.
  - A safe close environment allows one parent to return home to work helping to provide financial stability.
  - The sooner the child can return home, the lower their medical expenses.
  - In-kind resources (groceries, diapers, formula, newborn supplies) are made available to the families when they return home.
  - The relationships with our community partners enable us to connect families with needed resources (Example: Wheelchair ramp at child's home and windshield replacement).

### **Description of Ronald McDonald House**

The new 17,500 square foot facility will be designed to meet the current and future needs of our children and their families. The House will be two stories with the opportunity to easily expand for additional rooms in the future. RMHC plans to construct the home in its current location at 1501 Streit Drive. Ronald McDonald House has secured temporary housing for its families during the ten months of construction to continue to provide services and support families during our transition.

- Each of the 350 square foot noise reduction rooms will be designed to meet standards for all pediatric oncology/immunosuppressed and other clients:
  - 4 fully handicapped accessible units
  - 10 Standard Rooms
  - Individually controlled HVAC for each room
  - Easy-to-clean surfaces and furnishings
  - Separate area for microwave and mini-fridge
  - Internet/cable access and televisions in each room
  - Furnished Queen Size Bed

- A separate sitting area with fold out couch
- Closet and Dresser
- Desk/workspace
- Private Bath
- New furnishings for guest rooms
- 2 different kitchen areas-one smaller, isolated area for families who require immunosuppressed accommodations, one for volunteer group meal preparation
- 2 living areas-one smaller, separate area for families who need immunosuppressed accommodations, one for a group area
- Commercial grade appliances (refrigerators, dishwasher, laundry, and so forth)
- Allergy friendly flooring and window coverings
- 3 Restrooms for staff and visitors
- Upgraded security and wireless internet systems
- Office space (5) for current and future staffing needs
- Parking Lot
- Xeriscape Landscaping
- Overnight Manager Unit
- The entire building will be ADA compliant
- Conference/Community Room separated from the guest areas of the House
- Playground and courtyard areas
- Covered drop-off/pick-up area for guests

### **Impact of the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo**

Ronald McDonald House Charities impact research has shown that RMHC of Amarillo affords families an opportunity to interact more meaningfully with their child's care team and supports family-centered care.

In 2018, RMHC served:

- **175** families at the House
- **1,983** nights at the House
- Average length of stay **13** nights
- **310** C.H.E.F. meals-(Cooking Here, Embracing Families)-home cooked meals prepared for our families at our House by volunteers
- **2,565** gifts to ill children at NWTHS and BSA
- **614** pediatric patient families served in NWTHS Family Room
- **10,177** visits by pediatric patient families to the NWTHS Family Room
- More than **100** regularly scheduled volunteers provided over **11,000** hours of service to the Family Room and the House.

The majority of families come from the Texas Panhandle region. RMHC of Amarillo has also served families from New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

### **Current Programs and Services**

RMHC of Amarillo fulfills our mission to provide comfort, care, and support in a home-like environment to families of children seeking medical treatment **365** days a year.

*Ronald McDonald House provides:*

- Safe, clean, *temporary housing* to families who must travel to Amarillo with children seeking medical treatment
- 24-hour staff support for guests every day
- *Transportation* to and from local medical providers for guests, at least five times each day
- Laundry facilities with complimentary washers, dryers, detergent, and fabric softener
- Individual pantries and small refrigerators located in the main kitchen area for each guest room
- Milk, cereal, oatmeal, coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast bars for breakfast each day
- Cooking supplies, canned goods, and food supplies for families
- Snack items that can be easily taken to the hospital
- Clean rooms and linens for guests when they check in
- Complimentary personal toiletries for guests every day
- Provision of individual phone service for each guest room
- Breast milk pumps and refrigeration for breast milk for guests
- House C.H.E.F meal program-hot meals provided by volunteers for our guests
- Quilts, diaper bags, t-shirts, infant clothing, and blankets are given to families of newborns who stay in our house

*Ronald McDonald Family Room at Northwest Texas Hospital provides:*

- Volunteer staff to meet pediatric patient's family needs from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., 365 days each year
- Complimentary Laundry Facility, for pediatric patient's families clothing
- Private shower access and basic toiletries for pediatric patient's families
- Private, quiet space for pediatric patient's families to meet and rest
- Snack items, water, and coffee for pediatric patient families
- Television, reading material and computer access for pediatric patient's families
- Toys, books, blankets and clothing items delivered to every child registered at BSA and NWTN each week.

### **Community Partners**

RMHC of Amarillo has always relied on our strong relationships with the medical community. In particular, we value our relationship with NWTN and their generous donation of hospital space for our Family Room.

We rely on the RMHC Mission Partner, McDonald's, including the global corporation, Amarillo area owner/operators, their suppliers and customers, as well as other important local partnerships.

**Jill and Hassan Dana/Osman and Francine Dana-Texas Panhandle McDonald's  
Robyn and John Snowberger-Eastern New Mexico McDonald's  
Kevin Martin-Eastern Texas Panhandle and Western Oklahoma McDonald's  
Susan Credle-Hereford McDonald's**

A sample of our local community partners include:

*AIG*

*Amarillo Botanical Gardens*

*Amarillo College*

*Amarillo Church of Christ*

*Amarillo Globe-News/Morris*

*Publishing*

*Amarillo Independent School District*

*Amarillo National Bank*

*Camp Alphie Cancer Camp*

*Canyon High Key Club*

*Canyon Independent School District*

*Coca-Cola*

*Colonies Church of Christ*

*Dillard's*

*Don Harrington Discovery Center*

*Fellowship Baptist Church-Borger*

*First Nazarene Church*

*Glass Doctor*

*Grace Communion International  
Church*

*Happy State Bank*

*Home of the Open Heart Pediatric*

*Hospice*

*Junior League Medical House*

*Ben E Keith*

*La-Z-Boy*

*Mr. Electric*

*Mr. Gatti's Pizza*

*Mr. Rooter*

*Northwest Texas Healthcare*

*Auxiliary*

*Northwest Texas Healthcare System*

*Plains Dairy*

*Potter-Randall County Medical*

*Alliance*

*Randall High Key Club*

*Schlotzsky's*

*Stevens 5-Star Car and Truck Center-  
Hereford*

*Southwest Airlines*

*Southwest Church of Christ*

*St. Stephens United Methodist  
Church*

*Texas Tech University Health Science  
Center*

*Valero*

*West Texas A&M University*

*Whitney Russell Printers*

*Wildcat Bluff*

*Wonderland Park*

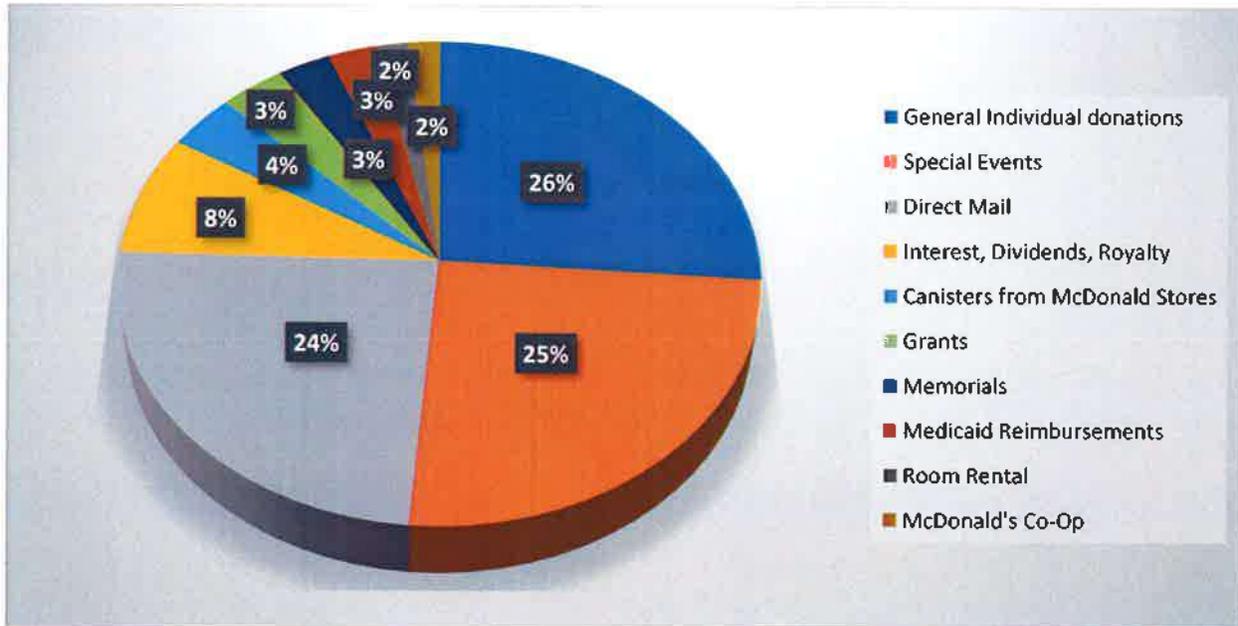
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## **Finances**

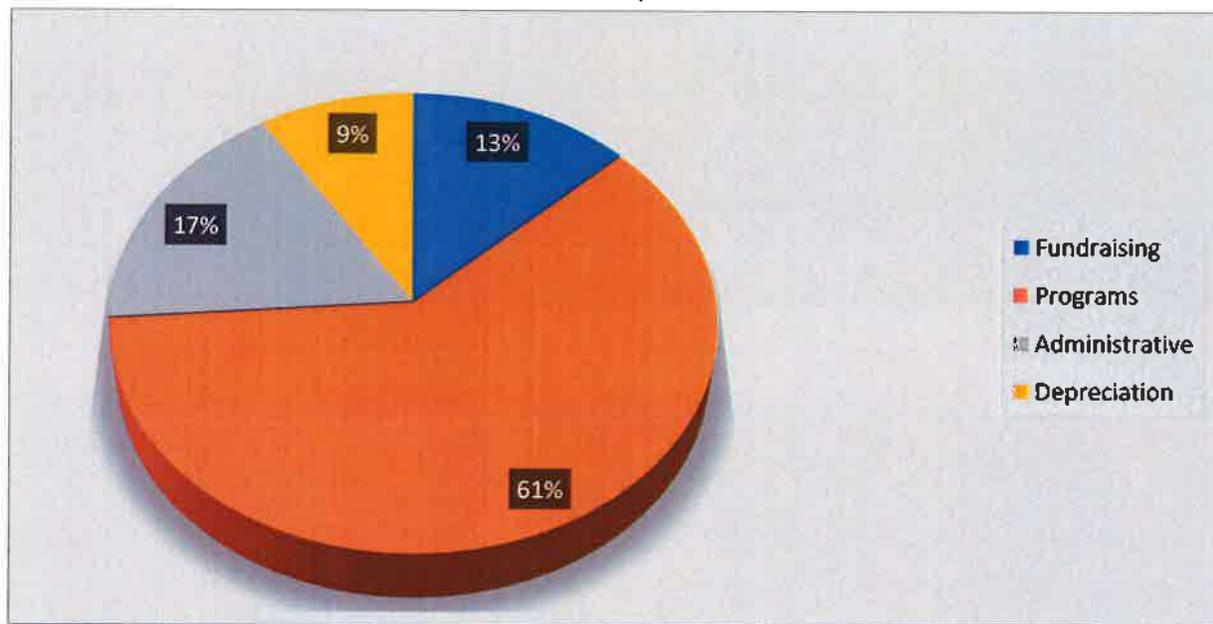
The Ronald McDonald House Charities operates on an annual budget of approximately \$620,000. We ask our families, who are able, to donate \$20 per night of their stay, but no family is ever turned away for the inability to pay. The actual cost of providing support is closer to \$85 per room per night. Based on 2018 stats, only 26% of our families can contribute to all or some of their stay, 31% have third-party assistance, and 43% are unable to pay for any of their stay.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo maintains two endowment funds to help ensure the future of our charity. One of the funds manages a \$650,000 corpus and a current value of \$741,447 whose income may be used for operating expenses. The other fund maintains a \$940,773 value and the income is reinvested for future needs, such as a capital campaign project.

**2018 Income**



**2018 Expense**



## Board of Directors

Our current, dedicated Board of Directors represents the Amarillo and Texas Panhandle communities:

### Officers

Paul Simpson, *President*

*Community Volunteer*

Susan Credle, *Vice-President*

*McDonald's of Hereford*

Chris Childers, *Secretary*

*Benji Hillside*

Brad Stuteville, *Treasurer*

*First Capital Bank*

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Todd Barbour, *CKP Construction*

David Bullard, *NWT Physician Group*

Carol Bruckner, *Community Volunteer*

Dennis Detten, *Detten's Furniture & Flooring*

Michael Fox, *State Farm*

Lori James, *Baptist St. Anthony's*

H.R. Kelly, *Potter County Commissioner*

Jared Knight, *BMW LLP*

Scott Lewis, *Happy State Bank*

Johnny Moore, *Navigation Financial*

Duke Pepper, *Ben E. Keith*

Linda Pinkhert, *Amarillo National Bank*

### Our Staff

*Shelley Cunningham* serves as the full-time Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo. She became the third E.D. for the charity in 2012 and heads up a staff of nine. She served as the Executive Director of the Amarillo Montessori Academy for 13 years while her three children were in school. Her goal is to take care of the families of sick children by minimizing as many stressors as possible.

*Jan Plequette* is the full-time Program Director, managing the House, Family Room, Volunteer, and Tab and Toy Delivery programs since March 2012. She sees that the House staff provides family care 365 days as well as trains and schedule volunteers within the House, Meal and Family Room programs. Jan has a sincere passion for the programs RMH provides as she and her family benefitted when her daughter was in a Virginia hospital in 2000.

### Other Support

- Project Managers Institute, a professional volunteer group, will assist RMH with building material in-kind donations.
- Playa Design-Mason Rogers and Mike Ritter Architects
- Southwest General Contractors-Wes Purser
- Campaign Consultants are Patti Ward, CFRE and Scott Caldwell.

- The Board of Directors will be providing oversight to the capital campaign efforts.

### Conclusion

RMHC of Amarillo provides services that benefit our Texas Panhandle community and beyond by supporting families through a medical crisis through helping families stay close together either in the Ronald McDonald House or the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms. Thanks to heroes like you: donors, sponsors, volunteers, RMHC of Amarillo continues to provide families the support system they require to be able to meet their children's needs during the healing process.

#### *"To The Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo"*

*Thank you for your generous hospitality while we had our twins in the NICU. Staying two and a half hours away from our home and our toddler was difficult, and watching our babies slowly learn to breathe and eat in a hospital can weary a soul. Yet your assistance and kindnesses helped make our stay in Amarillo so much smoother. Simply having a kitchen at our disposal helped us regain a sense of normalcy. A nice room and hot meal also helped us as we were learning to help our boys. The concern and thoughtfulness shown to us have made a deep and memorable impression our lives. We appreciate all you have done for us.*

*Many Blessings,  
The Tapp Family*



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HOUSE CHARITIES\***  
of Amarillo

*Family Stories*

**The Ponce Family**

The Ponce family from Follett, Texas, came to stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo on December 27, 2016. Jayro Ponce turned nine on December 10<sup>th</sup> and was diagnosed with cancer the day after Christmas at NWTHS. Jayro's parents, Laura and Filberto, and his older siblings, Jonathan and Pamela, all spent the night in his hospital room. On that day, they became "Team Jayro!"

It is common for families of children with a serious illness to rally together with their extended family and friends for support, and "Team Jayro" was no exception. On that day at NWTHS, their family made a pledge to stay together and to do whatever it took to meet Jayro's needs throughout his treatment. If that meant sleeping on couches in waiting rooms to stay close by, then that was what they would do.

Jayro's family spent Christmas break with us at the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo while his siblings returned to Follett to stay with friends of the family so they could go to school. Laura had to quit her job because Jayro was receiving inpatient and outpatient treatment. Like most cancer patients he had to stay close to the hospital 24/7 in case he ran a fever. His parents never left his side during those first couple of months, and his siblings spent every weekend here with Jayro.

Thanks to an incredible boss, Filberto was able to return to his regular job with permission to stay in Amarillo any time he was needed. Jonathan and Pamela were able to stay at home when Filberto was there, and he was able to support his older children in their school and extra-curricular activities. Pamela took responsibility for cooking and cleaning in Follett, and Laura provided the primary care for Jayro here. As Jayro progressed through chemotherapy and radiation, they settled into their "new normal."

"Team Jayro" expanded its circle to include many new friends from Amarillo area churches, clubs, and support organizations including Coffee Memorial Blood Center, Harrington Cancer Foundation, MTK Foundation, and Make-A-Wish North Texas. Jayro's "wish" was to travel to New York City and visit the NY Giant's training camp and meet the players, especially his favorite player, Odell Beckham Jr. While he was waiting for his wish to be granted, HCF brought in Weston Richburg, a NY Giant from Bushland. They picked Jayro up at our House in a limousine and took him to a private party where Weston presented him with a jersey and a special sign from the training field.

During the spring school semester, teachers from AISD tutored Jayro at the House so he could keep up with his classmates back home. The more time Jayro and his family stayed at the House the more their bedroom filled up with personal items. He had his books, toys, games, video games, blankets and pillows from home and even a small sports game table. When other

kids came to stay at the House, Jayro was proud to invite them to play with him in his room. He was so precious when he began to refer to their family home in Follett as “home, home” and the Ronald McDonald House as “home.”



When school was finished in May, Pamela and Jonathan moved into the House to help support their mom and to be close to Jayro. Since their resources had become so limited with costs for medical care, Pamela wanted to get a job to save money for her own car. She got a job at McDonald's, and she loved serving as a member of the crew. Jayro's family was truly an inspiration to our staff and other families as they helped around the House, cooked meals to be shared with other families, played

with new children, and helped translate for Spanish speaking families. Even as they embraced their “new normal” their goal was to get well and get back “home, home.”

In July, Jayro's doctors advised his parents to take him to Memphis to see the specialists at St. Jude's. We all said our tearful goodbyes as Pamela quit her new job and the family packed up and prepared to make their new home in Memphis. They spent a week there consulting with pediatric oncologists only to be devastated to learn that Jayro's cancer had progressed too far for the new treatments. Back here at the House, we prepared a special bedroom with an individual air system for his return.

When Jayro got “home,” his family met with his doctors here who advised them to contact Open Heart Hospice. They were able to provide palliative services at the House here, in his familiar surroundings. Since Open Heart Hospice was not able to travel to Follett, Jayro's medical situation met our guidelines, and we remained committed to our mission of providing comfort and care and support in a home-like environment.

Those last two weeks of Jayro's life were tough, but Make-A-Wish of North Texas helped to make a dream come true. They brought Odell Beckham Jr. to the Ronald McDonald House and Jayro got to spend the afternoon of a lifetime! Our staff continued to love and comfort our Ponce family, and we worked with their support network in our House to meet their needs as best we could. When it was finally time for Laura, Filberto, Pamela, and Jonathan to say their last goodbye to their angel Jayro, Open Heart Hospice smoothed the path.

Jayro's memorial service was held at Follett High school, and folks from the entire Follett community and surrounding area and care providers, new friends, supporters, and two “adopted grandmas” filled the gymnasium and auditorium to honor an incredibly brave cancer warrior and his family. The majority of our family's stories have a happy ending, however, on that memorable August day, as hundreds of balloons were released to fly up to Jayro in Heaven, our staff embraced and said that we were proud to have served the Ponce family and that we would remain dedicated to making our House the best “home” for all the families that would need us in the future.



### **The Carruth Family**

We want to express a huge thank you to everyone who makes it possible for the Ronald McDonald House to be open.

Our little girl was born at 30 weeks due to complications with pregnancy. She was required to be in the NICU. Having this housing option, close to the hospital and available for our family has been a blessing and we cannot put into words our thankfulness. I honestly don't know what we would have done if this place wasn't here, it would be hard to make the drive every day to see her.

We've been here 4 weeks now, it amazes me...the other families you meet, the staff who work here, the donors, everyone who is involved and makes this place a possibility for families like us. The relationships you develop here are heartwarming. We are truly thankful to everyone who contributes and feel extremely blessed to receive this gift. There are honestly no words to describe how thankful we are.

With love,  
The Carruth Family  
(Cory, Katie, Laiken, Avarie, Kye, & Mesa)

*Katie and Cory stayed with us at the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo for three months while Mesa gained weight and strength to go home. Their three older children stayed home in Adrian. After spending two weeks at home, Mesa was airlifted to Amarillo and diagnosed with a respiratory illness. Because of their previous positive experience at the House, the family returned for another week of caring loving support.*

### **The Ross Family**

Baby Jonah was born thirteen weeks early while his mom Joketha was pursuing her nursing degree from WTAMU. Jonah was born four days after Thanksgiving and he weighed a little over two pounds! The doctors told Joketha that he would be in the NICU for at least thirteen weeks before he was ready to take home. As a single mom with unreliable transportation, Joketha needed a place to stay close to the hospital so she could spend as much time with baby Jonah as possible. Thankfully, the social workers recommended the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo and Joketha was able to settle in to her new "home" while Jonah was gaining weight and strength. Joketha has been so thankful for her room, the meals that volunteers provide, the transportation that we offer, the computer to use for her homework, and for the Ronald McDonald Family room and volunteers at NWTHS. She can get a snack and work on her homework there when she can't be in Jonah's room. Joketha passed her classes in December, and as of February 5<sup>th</sup>, Johah weighed close to six pounds. His mom is excited begin the next phase of their life journey.



## Construction Budget

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo

26-Feb-18

Opinion of Probable Cost

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### Potential Income

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Board Gifts              | \$100,000          |
| McDonald Family Gifts*   | \$600,000          |
| Foundation Support       | \$1,500,000        |
| Major Gifts              | \$600,000          |
| Special/General          | \$450,000          |
| <u>In-kind Donations</u> | <u>\$250,000</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$3,500,000</b> |

### Projected Expense

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Roof                             | \$190,000 |
| Dirtwork                         | \$190,000 |
| Slab                             | \$100,000 |
| Framing                          | \$250,000 |
| 19 Bathrooms                     | \$38,000  |
| Plumbing                         | \$215,000 |
| Elevator                         | \$70,000  |
| Electrician                      | \$240,000 |
| Cable, telephone, cameras        | \$25,000  |
| 21 Heat and Air units            | \$100,000 |
| Interior Fire Suppression        | \$50,000  |
| Exterior                         | \$200,000 |
| Parking Lot for 43 Spaces        | \$75,000  |
| Painting/drywall                 | \$80,000  |
| wood trim                        | \$50,000  |
| Outdoor Lights                   | \$30,000  |
| Interior LED Lights              | \$20,000  |
| Outdoor Sign                     | \$2,000   |
| Security System                  | \$20,000  |
| Floor Covering                   | \$140,000 |
| Bedroom closet wall systems (15) | \$110,000 |
| Kitchen                          | \$139,300 |
| Slab waterproofing               | \$35,000  |
| Windows/doors                    | \$50,000  |

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| Master Plan Design Fee                           | \$15,000           |
| Asbestos Survey & Testing                        | \$3,500            |
| Furnishings                                      | \$50,000           |
| Landscape/Hardscape                              | \$50,000           |
| Playground system                                | \$16,000           |
| Site Survey & Utility Research                   | \$1,200            |
| Printing & Postage Marketing, Public Awareness   | \$10,000           |
| Demolition                                       | \$60,000           |
| Relocation Costs (Estimate)                      | \$30,000           |
| <b>Construction Budget</b>                       | <b>\$2,655,000</b> |
| <b>General Contractor (7%)</b>                   | <b>\$245,000</b>   |
| <b>Architectural &amp; Engineering Fees (6%)</b> | <b>\$210,000</b>   |
| Inflation Factor                                 | \$40,000           |
| <u>10% Construction Contingency</u>              | <u>\$350,000</u>   |
| <b>Opinion of Probable Cost</b>                  | <b>\$3,500,000</b> |

This Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) was provided in conjunction between Playa Design Studios and CKP Construction, it is based off historical values of like-type projects.

## RMHC OF AMARILLO HISTORY

- **August 14, 1983**  
The Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo opened with ten bedrooms to serve families of ill children traveling to Amarillo.
- **1984**  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo was officially established thanks to the vision of Ron McVean Sr. and many Texas Panhandle advocates for children.
- **1993**  
Pat Cathcart retired from RMHC of Amarillo after serving as the Executive Director for five years.
- **2000**  
The Ronald McDonald House Family Room opened at Northwest Texas Healthcare System.
- **2005**  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo expanded to include a total of thirteen bedrooms, great room, and more office space.
- **2012**  
Jan Reid retired from RMHC of Amarillo after serving as the Executive Director for nineteen years. Shelley Cunningham hired as Executive Director.
- **2013**  
RMHC of Amarillo continues in operation serving approximately 150-175 families every year. Shelley Cunningham remains the Executive Director.