Dear Donors, Supporters, Friends and Families:

We are proud to share this 2014 yearbook with you, which highlights our charity's commitment to serving families and less fortunate young people in our community. Through our three core programs – Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Rooms, Scholarship Program, and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile – we have been able to touch and enhance the lives of almost 10,000 people in our communities.

We are fulfilled in knowing that we have served those who are going through the darkest days of their lives while their child is medically compromised. Providing assistance to academically-outstanding, community-minded, financially-disadvantaged college-bound students or providing school-age children with physicals and vaccinations are also critical parts of our mission.

As Doug prepares to retire this summer, we are thrilled to welcome our new CEO, Holly Buckendahl, who will continue this commitment to providing the best in service to those in need. Holly, who comes to us having served as CEO of RMHC Kansas City for the past seven years, is uniquely qualified to assume the leadership reins here in Chicagoland.

Holly has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Nebraska and while in Kansas City, she built a new House, completed a capital campaign, greatly raised standards and built a high functioning team.

A special thanks to all of you who have given so much to RMHC-CNI over the past year and for the many years preceding. Without the commitment of so many, our charity would not be as strong as it is today.

Onward and upward!
Doug Porter and Bill Budig
Brian and Jennifer Godish came to the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s when their four-year-old son Bradley was diagnosed with leukemia in late 2014. Prior to his diagnosis, Bradley was a normal child until he began complaining of foot pain, was running a fever and vomiting. Mother Jennifer took Bradley to the pediatrician, where his white blood count indicated leukemia. They immediately took him to their local hospital, where the diagnosis was confirmed, along with pneumonia.

Seeking the best possible treatment for their son, parents Brian and Jennifer sought treatment at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago. It was at the hospital that the family was told about the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s.

“I didn’t know much about the Ronald McDonald House, what it was or what it represented,” Brian said. When the family toured the House, they realized it was where they needed to be if they were going to keep their family together.

Bradley began receiving treatment in early November 2014, which included a stem cell transplant. All family members were tested and thankfully, his twin sister Charlotte was determined to be a perfect match to donate.

“It was our home away from home,” Brian said. “The House kept us going physically and mentally and made our time at the hospital so much better. When you are trying to get your family’s life on track, the House was there for us,” he said.

The family, which includes parents Brian and Jennifer, Bradley’s twin sister Charlotte and baby brother Camden became a part of the Ronald McDonald House family for almost six months while Bradley received treatment. Parents took turns spending time in the hospital with Bradley while the rest of the family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House. The House became such a critical part of the family’s life that when Charlotte woke up from her donor surgery, she asked when she could return to the House.

The family also benefited from spending time with the other families at the House. “Everyone is there fighting so everyone comes together. Staying at the House makes you feel normal,” Brian said.

In April, Bradley’s treatment was completed and he has subsequently been determined to be cancer free more than 100 days.
**Jillian Dixon** received an RMHC-CNI scholarship in the summer of 2011 upon graduation from Griffith High School in Griffith Indiana. She began attending Indiana State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing. During her time in college, she was an active member of Chi Omega Sorority, and volunteered her time with the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana in Indianapolis.

Jillian will graduate in the spring of 2015 with her degree and hopes to work at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and to continue volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House.

“The scholarship gave me the opportunity to go to college and gave me a greater awareness of Ronald McDonald House Charities and the children and families it serves,” Jillian said.

**Brianna Winbush** received an RMHC-CNI/AAFA scholarship in 2011 as a graduating high school senior from St. Joseph High School in Westchester, Illinois.

She immediately began her four-year college career at the University of Michigan where she began studying psychology. While at the University of Michigan, she was a committed volunteer with ECO Girls, whose mission is to foster environmental awareness and stewardships, ecological literacy, cultural education, friendship building, self-confidence, and leadership skills for elementary and middle school girls in the southeastern Michigan cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Detroit.

While at the university, Brianna launched her own website — thebossup.com — a site committed to women and includes daily celebrity gossip, fashion trends, lifestyle tips and everyday motivation. Brianna has also served as a Resident Assistant for the past two years, assisting freshmen with a variety of issues as they transition to college life.

Brianna credits the scholarship with permitting her to have a very special college experience. “The scholarship award allowed me to be a student and to find myself,” Brianna said. “Without the scholarship, it would have probably been very hard for my parents to find the funds to send me to the University of Michigan,” she said.

**RONALD MCDONALD CARE MOBILE**

In 2014, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile expanded its outreach beyond the Southside of Chicagoland to include children in need in the northwest area. The Care Mobile now visits schools twice a month in the Park Ridge area, in addition to its already scheduled visits to the Southside four to five days a week. Thanks to these additional days, our Ronald McDonald Care Mobile has increased its outreach by 5% in 2014, thus providing much needed health care to over 2,500 children.
RONALD McDonald HOUSES

Our five Ronald McDonald Houses help us implement our mission by providing a ‘home away from home’ to keep families together. Located near Advocate Children’s Hospital, Loyola University Medical Center, University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, and Central DuPage Hospital, the Houses allow families to eat, sleep and find the emotional support they need - just blocks from where their child is being treated. In 2014, we served almost 5,000 families for more than 38,000 “family nights”.

RONALD McDonald FAMILY ROOMS

The Ronald McDonald Family Rooms inside Edward Hospital, Lurie Children’s and University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital provide a haven of respite and hospitality to families whose children are in treatment at the hospital. Located just outside the pediatric intensive care unit and outpatient service area, these spaces provide a home-like atmosphere away from the stress of the hospital.

RONALD McDonald CARE MOBILE

RMHC-CNI’s Care Mobile program, in partnership with Advocate Children’s Hospital, provides essential health services to children in underserved areas in a mobile environment. Children receive check-ups, immunizations, and referrals for specialty care, including asthma, cardiology, and allergies. Our goal is to find a “health care home” for all the children seen on the Care Mobile.

In 2014, more than 2,500 children were served on the Care Mobile.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2014 marked the tenth year of our multiyear scholarship program, which provides $4,000/year, renewable scholarships to academically outstanding, community-minded and economically challenged young people. Many of these young people are pursuing degrees in the medical field, have volunteered at one of our Ronald McDonald Houses or have experienced the benefits of the Houses through a personal family experience. Since the program’s inception, many of our winners have also spent significant time at our Houses as interns or employees.

STATISTICS

- Provided 38,000 “family nights” for the families of hospitalized children
- Provided services to almost 10,000 people through our three core programs
- Broke ground on fifth Ronald McDonald House® near Central DuPage Hospital
- Achieved 4 star rating from Charity Navigator
- Served 2,500 children on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®
- Provided financial assistance to 40 college students
- Converted two sleep rooms located inside Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital to Family Rooms, expanding our services to families
- Expanded service area for Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to north side of Chicago
- Saved families a collective $11 million in housing and food costs
- 2,124 meals were served
- 117,013 Volunteer hours contributed
- 729 family activities provided at the Houses
Craig has been involved with RMHC-CNI since 1990 when he realized that life had been very good to him and he was ready to give back. His father, who owned Foltos Tonsorial Parlor before Craig took over, was always helping other people and instilled the importance of giving back to others to his son.

Since 1990, Craig has sponsored a 24-hour Cut-A-Thon, with all proceeds benefitting RMHC-CNI. For 24 hours straight, Craig and his stylists cut hair and donate every dollar raised to RMHC-CNI. The salon also sells raffle tickets for donated goods to raise additional funds. Over the past 25 years, Craig has raised more than $300,000 for RMHC-CNI.

“I feel that I am giving to a charity that helps families and that I am making a difference in their lives,” Craig said.

In addition to the annual Cut-A-Thon, Craig also visits the Houses once a month to donate his hair cutting services to families. “When you give to RMHC-CNI, you’re going to get much more than you give,” Craig said.

Pro golfer Luke Donald and his wife Diane first became involved with RMHC-CNI three years ago when the couple was searching for a local charity to align with.

The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago had just opened and the new Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s shortly thereafter. When the couple toured the new House, they really fell in the love with the cause. “The House resonates with me because we travel a lot as a family and we know how important it is to be together,” Diane said.

Diane, former RMHC-CNI board member and the mother of three young children, feels that it is incredibly important to support those families in their time of critical need. As part of their support, Luke has committed to a fundraising initiative called “Luke’s Birdies Fore the House”. Through this fundraiser, supporters pledge funds for every birdie Luke makes during the season. Since its inception three years ago, it has raised $100,000 to support our work.
Chicago White Sox Charities (CSWC) has always been actively involved with local Chicago hospitals through its philanthropic efforts. When the new Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s opened in 2013, CSWC ramped up their efforts even more in support of charities that serve children.

Specifically, they generously donated $100,000 in support of the new House and continue to support RMHC-CNI through donation of game tickets, player engagement at the Ronald McDonald Houses, gift drives, and other fundraising initiatives.

Part of the rooftop at the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s is designed to recognize the White Sox. “The partnership between CSWC and RMHC-CNI provides us with an opportunity to make such a tangible difference in the lives of families at such a time of crisis,” said Christine O’Reilly, Vice President, Community Relations/Executive Director, Chicago White Sox Charities.

“Further, the relationship allows the White Sox to have exposure to more audiences, to elevate awareness of the White Sox in the community and to highlight who we are off the field,” said O’Reilly.

The Chicago Bulls and Chicago Bulls Charities have an evolving partnership with RMHC-CNI. For many years, the organization and its charity have donated tickets and the use of suites for Bulls home games, hosted an annual “Bulls Spectacular” celebration at the various Houses and orchestrated visits from various Bulls players, legends and executives. Through our partnership, RMHC-CNI has been designated as the monetary beneficiary of the “United Scrap Metal” recycling program which recycles all materials used at the United Center during games and events. Most recently, the Chicago Bulls graciously furnished a game room in the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children’s Hospital, fully equipped with memorabilia, televisions, video games and a pop-a-shot!

“Chicago Bulls Charities and the Chicago Bulls are proud of our strong and long-standing partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Ronald McDonald House truly provides a ‘home away from home’ for families in need and it has been incredible working with them over the last decade. Our players, ambassadors and staff have been touched by their experiences spending time with children and families during their visits.”

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RMHC-CNI adheres to the Better Business Bureau’s Standards for Charitable Accountability* in 2014 our results versus the Standards were as follows:

Spend at least 65% of its total expenses on program activities.

Yes □ No □

Spend no more than 35% of related contributions on fund raising. Related contributions include donations, legacies, and other gifts received as a result of fund raising efforts.

Yes □ No □

Avoid accumulating funds that could be used for current program activities. To meet this standard, the charity’s unrestricted net assets available for use should not be more than three times the size of the past year’s expenses or three times the size of the current year’s budget, whichever is higher.

Yes □ No □

*The BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability were developed to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. The Standards seek to ensure that the charity spends its funds honestly, prudently and in accordance with statements made in fund raising appeals.
OUR MISSION
The mission of RMHC-CNI is to care for families of children with complex medical needs by providing comfort, compassion and a sense of community. RMHC-CNI keeps families of hospitalized children together in a ‘home away from home’. As an organization, we firmly believe that “togetherness heals”, meaning that children heal 31% faster when family is present. We are proud to be a part of the healing process for these families and their children.

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