A few weeks before Everly Backe entered the world, her parents received news no one is prepared to hear – Everly would be born with a congenital heart defect. Moments after her birth in August 2017, Everly was receiving medication and monitoring from NICU doctors and nurses and within three days, she had open-heart surgery, the first of three she’d undergo before her first birthday.

Through multiple surgeries, Everly’s parents, Lauren and Matt, and older brother, Jack, relied on Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana to keep them close. “When Everly is in the hospital and looking for me, I don’t want to be two hours away. I want to be two minutes away,” shared Lauren. “When the doctor calls, I can just walk across the street. For that, we are truly so grateful.”

The House near Advocate Children’s Hospital provided the Backe family with more than a place to sleep during their stays in 2017 and 2018 - it gave Everly’s parents moments of peace during a stressful time and homemade meals so they could focus on their little girl. “I’m a better caretaker for Everly because I have a minute to breathe,” Lauren said. “I rarely left the hospital to eat, so when a day didn’t go as planned and I missed lunch and dinner, the fact that volunteers had a meal in the fridge with my name on it when I got back to the House at 3 a.m. meant I actually ate that day.”

Everly’s brother, Jack, is one of her biggest cheerleaders, and while he stayed at home during most of her hospitalizations, it meant everything when they could all be together. “My favorite night was when Jack and Matt were sleeping at the House,” recalled Lauren. “I could see their window from Everly’s hospital room across the street. It felt like my kids were almost sleeping in the same place again - it felt like our family was together.”

As Everly grows, she’ll need more surgeries to replace the conduit in her heart. “We had no idea how helpful Ronald McDonald House was until we had a medically fragile child,” Matt and Lauren said. “We have a great family, we have great friends, we have a great support system, but if we didn’t have the Ronald McDonald House, things would be so much more challenging.”

Thanks to a grant received from AbbVie in August 2018, a five-room expansion at the House near Advocate Children’s Hospital will be completed in 2019. This will allow more families like the Backe’s to receive the care and support they need to get better together.

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As I spend time at our Houses around Chicagoland, I am inspired every day by the resilience of our families and the tireless commitment of our staff and volunteers to lessen each family’s burden as much as possible.

Over the past year, we formalized Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana’s new mission, vision and values—putting fresh, clear language to the work we have been doing for decades. We exist so families can get better together.

This mission is made possible by an incredible team of staff and volunteers, a dedicated and visionary Board, our generous community of supporters and each of you. Together, with this new language, we are affirming the same commitment we’ve held for 41 years: that sick children and their families can stay close to care, access the resources they need and heal together.

In addition, 2018 resulted in a significant funding milestone for RMHC Global based on a $100 million grant from AbbVie to expand services for families across the United States. For our chapter, the AbbVie gift will enable us to add more rooms and services at the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Children’s Hospital and Lurie Children’s. This incredible generosity will create ripples of impact for countless children and families for years to come.

We are stewards of everything that our supporters give – time, monetary gifts, community connections – to care for families during times of great need. Thank you for helping create a world where all families can heal together.
Ronald McDonald Houses®
Each night, we keep families with hospitalized children close to the care and resources they need at five area Ronald McDonald Houses. Our Houses, which provide families with comfortable, private rooms, home-cooked meals, activities and all the comforts of home, are located a short distance from Advocate Children’s Hospital, Loyola University Medical Center, Lurie Children’s, Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital and UChicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital. Ronald McDonald House allows families to focus on the health of their child by providing access to the best medical care possible.

Ronald McDonald Family Rooms®
Our three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, located just steps away from pediatric intensive care units in Edward Hospital, Lurie Children’s and UChicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital, provide a haven of respite and hospitality for families of the most medically fragile children. Family Rooms offer many of the comforts of home including private bedrooms, living spaces, meals and hospitality for families whose children are receiving treatment.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles®
In partnership with Advocate Children’s Hospital, we operate two mobile medical units which bring health care directly to underserved children in Chicagoland. This program provides health care and education services to children in neighborhoods where access to primary and preventative care such as immunizations, school physicals and vision screenings are limited or unavailable. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile provides an entry point into a regular pattern of health care for vulnerable children, with the goal of connecting the child to a medical home.

Ronald McDonald House Charities®

U.S. Scholarship Program

- 39,245 Nights
  - Provided to families in need
- $7.5 million
  - Saved in food and lodging costs
- 8 Nights
  - Average length of a family stay
- 6,337 Children served

- 5,473 Nights
  - Provided to families in need
- $911,730
  - Saved in food and lodging costs
- 9,378 Family Room visitors
- 7 Nights
  - Average length of a family stay
- 5,483 Children served

- 3,767 Children who received health care treatment
- $445,212
  - Saved in medical costs
- 6,774 Vaccinations provided

- 37 College students who received financial assistance
- $137,000
  - Invested in the continued education of high-achieving, financially-challenged students
## OPERATING REVENUES
(excluding investment gains and losses)

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*Corporate Revenue includes one time RMHC/AbbVie gift of $2,000,000

## NET ASSETS END OF YEAR

| Without Donor Restriction     | $62,199,630  |
| With Donor Restriction        | $2,887,520   |
| **Total**                     | $65,087,150  |

## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

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*In 2018, RMHC-CNI adopted FASB ASU No. 2016-14

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**CHICAGOLAND LOCATIONS**

1. **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSES**
   - Ronald McDonald House® near Advocate Children’s Hospital
     - 4410 W. 93rd Street
     - Oak Lawn, IL 60453
     - 708.423.5285
   - Ronald McDonald House® near Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
     - 6N150 Winfield Road
     - Winfield, IL 60190
     - 630.517.8678
   - Ronald McDonald House® near Loyola University Medical Center
     - Tripp Ave. at Air Mail Road
     - Hines, IL 60141
     - 708.327.2273
   - Ronald McDonald House® near Lurie Children’s
     - 211 E. Grand Avenue
     - Chicago, IL 60611
     - 312.888.2500
   - Ronald McDonald House® near UChicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital
     - 5444 S. Drexel Avenue
     - Chicago, IL 60615
     - 773.324.5437

2. **RONALD MCDONALD FAMILY ROOMS**
   - Ronald McDonald Family Room® in Lurie Children’s Hospital
     - 225 E. Chicago Avenue
     - Chicago, IL 60611
     - 312.227.3929
   - Ronald McDonald Family Room® in UChicago Medicine Comer Children’s Hospital
     - 5721 S. Maryland Avenue
     - Chicago, IL 60637
     - 773.834.4859
   - Ronald McDonald Family Room® in Edward Hospital
     - 801 S. Washington Street
     - Naperville, IL 60540
     - 630.527.3800

**BUSINESS OFFICE**

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- 1301 W. 22nd Street, Ste. 905
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