



*Extraordinary Times*  
*call for*  
*Extraordinary Measures*  
*A special appeal for extraordinary help.*

**THE 2020  
CORNERSTONES OF LOVE GRAND GIVER  
APPRECIATION DINNER**

will be provided this year instead to the  
families staying at the Ronald McDonald House

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Ronald McDonald House Charities is facing unprecedented  
challenges and needs your support now more than ever.  
Together as Grand Givers, we can make an extraordinary impact.

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If you have already become a Grand Giver - Thank you!  
To become part of this extraordinary group of individuals,  
please confirm your commitment by October 30, 2020.

RSVP to Vickie Moschetti  
Email [vickie@rmhslc.org](mailto:vickie@rmhslc.org) | Phone: 801-363-4663



*In Honor of RMHC's  
Cornerstones of Love Grand Givers*

**GRAND GIVER APPRECIATION HOSTS**

Colleen and David Merrill

Annette Gaiotti and Don Goldberg

Paula Green Johnson and Peter M. Johnson

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Are pleased to donate the value of this year's annual Toast and Appreciation Dinner traditionally held at La Caille toward food and meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through December 2020.

Special recognition at the Ronald McDonald House will be given to our Cornerstones of Love Grand Givers, whose donations are fueling the mission—and in the case of this year — providing food and meals for our families during the holiday season.

Additionally, a first of its kind recognition will appear in a 2-page spread in the January/February issue of the Salt Lake Magazine honoring each and every one of our 2020 Grand Givers.

It is our way of thanking you for your extraordinary support in this extraordinary year.

We look forward to getting together in better times next year!

## *Extraordinary People*

Cornerstones of Love Grand Givers are extraordinary individuals who annually make a personal donation of \$1,000 or greater. Grand Givers provide the most critical core operating support for our organization and are the key to ensuring that families of hospitalized children can still find themselves at home. We would be grateful to earn your support this year as a Cornerstones of Love Grand Giver.

## *Extraordinary Times*

On March 18, Ronald McDonald House Charities' on-site programs were suspended due to COVID-19. Families were relocated to off-site, safe lodging. In July 2020, RMHC began measured reinstatement of on-site programs—while continuing to support families in off-site private lodging.

*As of September 2020, more than \$300,000 unbudgeted emergency lodging and food expenses have been absorbed by RMHC. These unplanned expenses are projected to grow at least through the end of this year—and potentially into 2021.*

As of September 2020, more than 220 families have been served through off-site temporary, private lodging and will continue to be served this way through the end of the year.

Volunteer meal groups are currently not allowed on-site for the safety of our families—and this has had a major impact on how we provide food and meals to them. Without these donated meals, RMHC is now 100% responsible for raising funds to provide the cost for all food for the families we serve until volunteers can return.

## *Extraordinary Measures*

The families served by RMHC need you now more than ever. Please consider joining this extraordinary group of individuals with your \$1,000 or more gift commitment to RMHC by October 30, 2020. If you plan to make your gift at year-end, please let us know so we can include you.

*A Message from  
Ronald McDonald House Charities'  
CEO, Carrie Romano*



Thank you for your compassion and meaningful support of Ronald McDonald House Charities' (RMHC) and the families of hospitalized children that we serve.

It is a fact that we need your support now more than ever. Our Grand Givers help to fuel our mission. If you are not yet one of our Cornerstones of Love Grand Givers, it is my sincere hope that we can earn your support this year.

This year, we have provided over 220 families/800 individuals with off-site lodging with private kitchens, prepared food and groceries, transportation to and from the area hospitals, and lots of love and compassion. The average length of stay per family this year is near-ly one month vs. a one week average length of stay last year. Some of the families that we were caring for in March are still with us—as their children continue to need life-saving medical care.

Throughout this pandemic, we are keeping our mission front and center, and focusing our financial resources on long-term families staying five+ days and families traveling from distances greater than 100 miles. While we have begun a phased and gradual reinstatement of our on-site programs, we will continue to support pediatric patient families as needed with separate off-site lodging, food and transportation until a vaccine is available.

We are living through extraordinary times and philanthropic support is needed more than ever. With your generous kindness our charitable mission will outlast this pandemic and we'll be stronger because of it.

With Gratitude,

*Carrie*

*Mission Impact*  
*For off-site, emergency support*  
*during COVID-19*



On March 18, 2020 pediatric patient families were moved to off-site emergency lodging to safely isolate during treatment. Beginning in July, families have been able to slowly move back to the Ronald McDonald House and use the Ronald McDonald Family Room. Below are the impact numbers during this unprecedented time!

**220+**

pediatric patient families served

**800+**

individuals served

**24 days**

Average length of stay (6 days in 2019)

**72**

Ronald McDonald House rooms stocked with new refrigerators, microwaves and tables/chairs

**\$300,000+**

Unbudgeted emergency off-site lodging, food and transportation expense

**1000's**

Grab and go meals provided (without the on-site assistance of our amazing adopt-a-meal volunteers)

**1 focused mission**

To surround families with the support they need to be near and care for their seriously ill or injured child.

*Priceless Impact*

*"Thank you for taking us into a place of shelter and love, when we needed it most." - R.M.H.C. Guest*