



Ronald McDonald House Charities: Mission and Programs

A strong mind. A strong body. And a safe, supportive place to grow. These are things that every child needs—and deserves—to have.

Helping to provide these things is what Ronald McDonald House Charities does.

By creating, finding and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well being of children, Ronald McDonald House Charities is working to better the lives of children and their families around the world.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region, Inc. provides:

A caring and convenient place to stay for families with children receiving health care, regardless of their ability to pay; and Grants to other programs that directly help children and their families.

Since opening our door in 1980, the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton has served more than 7,000 families. The House is available to any family that has a child in a Dayton area hospital. We can accommodate most every family that calls.

The Ronald McDonald House is a private nonprofit organization. Although there are Houses throughout the United States, as well as around the world, each House is autonomous and has its own Board of Trustees. The House is not owned by The Children's Medical Center, or by McDonald's, and is responsible for its own fund-raising.

The Ronald McDonald House has 14 bedrooms; each with its own bathroom. In addition, there are four kitchens, a large dining room, a playroom, two family rooms, a library, elevator and other amenities. This facility allows the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton to serve families in need of a "Home-Away-From-Home."

Why Aluminum Can Tabs?

Talk about little things adding up. The tab of a standard soda can is made of a high-quality, high-grade aluminum. By itself, it doesn't mean much. When collected, pop tabs can add up to a valuable donation to your local Ronald McDonald House. And that means a lot.

Why Collect Only the Tabs?

Though the whole aluminum can is valuable, the tab is made of a more pure form of aluminum. So when that little tab is turned in for scrap metal, it can make a big impact on Ronald McDonald House fundraising. It's smaller and cleaner than collecting whole cans, so it's easier for the House to handle the large volume it receives. Plus, it's convenient, ecologically friendly, and does not compete with other can recycling programs.

Great for Kids; Great for Everyone

Because they're common and easy to collect, pop tabs allow virtually any individual or community organization to participate. The program provides a terrific opportunity for children to get involved and make a genuine contribution to the Ronald McDonald House.

Many schools support this project – using it as a learning tool to teach math concepts, recycling and environmental lessons, and a spirit of belonging to a larger community. Service organizations and club members can participate as a means of earning service badges. Other participants include churches, synagogues and businesses.

How to Get Involved

Contact the Ronald McDonald House closest to your community to see if it has a Pop Tab Collection Program. (Use our House locator at the top right to find the one nearest you.) Many Houses provide cardboard collection containers in the shape of a house. Drop-off sites range in location from the House, to McDonald's restaurants, to local banks and grocery stores.

Aluminum Can Tab Fun Facts

- The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program was established in 1987 by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community.
- To date, over 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating over \$300,000.
- The ring-pull can known today was invented in 1962.
- The pop tab was invented by Mr. Ermal Frazee in Kettering, Ohio.
- Kettering's Frazee Pavilion, a popular amphitheater in Dayton, Ohio, is named after the pop tab inventor.

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