When Kizzy Morris and her daughter, Krishanta, came to Philadelphia from Trinidad and Tobago last November for an appointment, they were expecting to stay here for only one week—so they packed accordingly. They had come to see if doctors at Shriners Hospital for Children would be able to help Krishanta, who was born with Blount Disease—a growth disorder that caused her leg bones to angle inward. After examining her, doctors confirmed that they could treat her, but that she needed to stay and begin procedures immediately.

“She had her first surgery on one leg in January,” recalls Kizzy. “After three months, I was ready to go back home, but the doctor said that they needed to operate on her other leg as well. We just came to spend one week. We did not come with extra money or extra clothes. Fortunately, the doctors put us in touch with the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.”

Doctors knew that at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, Kizzy and Krishanta would not have to worry about where to sleep at night or what they would have to eat. “It has been a journey. A very long journey,” says Kizzy. “I thank the Ronald McDonald House. I did not know what to expect at first, but the staff made us feel at home. They make sure you are all right. They are always trying to help us with everything that we might need. They know you already have a primary concern—your child. So they try to help with everything else. I appreciate it so much.”

Krishanta’s spirit has improved since her treatment began. Since the age of three, she has had difficulties walking. “It was very hard to see her going to school all these years, and she had to crawl around her classroom,” says Kizzy. “It was really difficult to know that at night she used to have a lot of pain; her back and feet hurt. It all gave her low self-esteem, and she never wanted to go anywhere. Now, she wants to go everywhere, and everywhere we go, she puts on a dress. It is hard to describe how great it feels for a parent to know that your child is able to go places with you.”

Krishanta has made a couple of good friends at the House—Noah and Hannah—and while they only stay when they have appointments in Philadelphia, she always looks forward to seeing them. She and her mother have also formed a close friendship with another guest family who is staying at the House long-term. “We cook together, we run together,” says Kizzy. “They are teaching us Spanish, and we are teaching them English. We all like to go see the train nearby. We sit there and wave and the conductor looks confused. He must know that we are not from here. We always try to have a little bit of fun after dinner.” Krishanta chimes in, “We also blow bubbles!”

“Krishanta has operations and treatment scheduled in the coming months and will continue to have to be away from her father and siblings in Trinidad and Tobago, but her mother has a positive outlook. “It has been rough for us, but we feel like things are smoothing out,” says Kizzy. “We’ll be at the House until November, and her foot should be straight by then, so I am very thankful.”
We recently held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to thank all the generous individuals who do so much to help our families at the Chestnut Street and Front & Erie Houses. While every year’s event has a special theme, this year’s “Super Heroes” seemed especially appropriate.

During the past year, more than 300 volunteers have welcomed families to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, driven shuttle vans to and from the hospitals, served as counselors at our summer camp, cooked dinners and breakfasts, planted flowers, restocked food pantries, and done just about everything else necessary to make our guests more comfortable during their stays.

These volunteers truly are super heroes to our families, and we can’t thank them enough for their efforts. We simply could not do what we need to do without them.

Many of our volunteers have been with us for years—and sometimes decades! This year, we celebrated several volunteers who marked 10, 20, and even 30 years of service. One of our volunteers is a young lady who is 105 years old and has been volunteering at the House for over 25 years. You can learn more about Fran’s story on page six of this newsletter. She is a super, super hero!

We are very grateful to Yards Brewery, the Inn at Penn, and the Blue Energy Team who have helped us honor our heroes by providing food and accommodations for this celebration for the past several years. They are super heroes too.

And, as we consider the many friends who make our work possible each year, please save the date for our annual Champions of Hope Awards, which will be held on October 3. This year we will honor Pat Pasquariello, III with the Jimmy Murray Community Leadership Award and Carol and Jerry Shields with the Dr. Audrey E. Evans Award of Excellence.

As our expansion plans continue and we are making excellent progress with the construction of our new tower, the importance of and the need for more volunteers will become even more critical. As we more than double our capacity, we will need more super heroes to help make our House very much a home for our families in need.

On behalf of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, I thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts, either by volunteering or providing financial support. We have much to do in the coming months, but with your help, I know we will meet all of our goals!

Sincerely,

Peter J. Degnan
Board President

PS: If you are interested in volunteering at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, please visit www.philarmh.org/volunteer. You, too, can become a super hero to our families!

**Champions of Hope Awards**
October 3, 2018
Water Works, Philadelphia

Help us celebrate this year’s honorees:

**Dr. Audrey E. Evans Award of Excellence**
Dr. Carol Shields, Director, Ocular Oncology Services, Wills Eye Hospital
Dr. Jerry Shields, Director Emeritus, Ocular Oncology Service, Wills Eye Hospital

**Jimmy Murray Community Leadership Award**
Pat Pasquariello, III, CEO, P. Agnes

www.philarmh.org/champions

**Special Guest**
Dick Vermeil, Former Eagles Head Coach

**Opening ceremony of lights at last year’s awards dinner**

For more information, contact Chris Callanan at chris@philarmh.org.
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: A MESSAGE FROM DR. AUDREY EVANS

Throughout my career as a pediatric oncologist, I have seen time and again how a single moment can change everything. Sometimes that moment is frightening, like when a child is diagnosed with a serious illness, and sometimes it’s inspirational, like when you realize how you can help.

One such inspirational moment came to me in 1974, when I began a collaboration with my friend Jimmy Murray, McDonald’s, and several other generous friends to open the world’s first Ronald McDonald House, right here in Philadelphia.

Jimmy always says, “Neighbors help neighbors.” And that’s what we’ve always done at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. In those most critical moments, we come together as neighbors and we help however we can.

In our first 44 years, the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House has served tens of thousands of families with seriously ill children. And it has provided the model for hundreds of other houses, hospital family rooms, and programs around the world.

I could not be more proud of our success. But none of it would be possible without the generosity of people like you.

Now, as we are expanding our facilities and growing our capabilities to serve more families in Philadelphia than ever before, we are looking to our neighbors to come together to help.

The construction underway on Chestnut Street is surely the most exciting project in our history—and will enable us to serve thousands more families each year. But with that growth in physical space, comes the need for additional and ongoing operational resources.

To meet that need, the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House has established the Evans Murray Society. Named for my friend Jimmy and me, and in honor of our founding group of “neighbors,” the Society recognizes those generous individuals who, through their annual support, ensure our success and guarantee our future.

Please take a moment to consider the neighbors who have extended a hand or offered a special kindness in your life, and then consider how you might honor them and help thousands of families each year as an Evans Murray Society contributor.

THE EVANS MURRAY SOCIETY

When people come together with a common goal, extraordinary things happen.

The world’s first Ronald McDonald House was founded in 1974 by a small group of individuals in Philadelphia who saw that providing comfort, companionship, and a welcoming place to stay could change the lives of families with seriously ill children and also improve their clinical outcomes.

Leading this group of dedicated visionaries was noted pediatric oncologist Dr. Audrey Evans and beloved former Philadelphia Eagles General Manager Jimmy Murray. In honor of these two inspirational leaders, we have established the Evans Murray Society at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

The Evans Murray Society recognizes those individuals and organizations whose annual support of $1,000 or more reflects the generosity and boldness of spirit of our founders.

In appreciation of their annual philanthropy, Evans Murray Society benefactors are recognized at various levels of support in Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House publications, annual reports, and other materials. As the most valued and closely connected members of our community, they also are extended early and/or exclusive access to attend special events and are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of activities throughout the year.

For more information or to make your Evans Murray Society commitment now, visit www.philarmh.org/evansmurray.
As part of the Chestnut Street House expansion, PRMH is inviting students and emerging artists to submit artwork for possible permanent display in the new and expanded house. Students’ art will brighten and soften the spaces within the new tower to help families feel a sense of home during their stay. PRMH may also use selected artwork in future publications and give credit to the artists.

 Artists have the option of creating a portrait of one of our co-founders, Dr. Audrey Evans or Jimmy Murray, or artwork illustrating what one of the themes below means to them:

Floor 2: Our Universe
Floor 3: Our Families
Floor 4: Our Dreams
Floor 5: Our Heroes
Floor 6: Our Journey
Floor 7: Our City
Floor 8: Our House

CALL TO ARTISTS

Please visit www.philarmh.org/art to download submission guidelines, the submission form, and more information.

Questions: Contact Michael Kelly at mkelly@philarmh.org or (267) 969-6211
In 2007, a group of dedicated parents, clinicians, and volunteers came together with a common idea: build a Ronald McDonald House to serve families with children receiving care at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Shriners Hospital for Children in North Philadelphia. Enlisting the support of PRMH families and friends and working with the Chestnut Street team, they launched a historic fundraising and planning effort.

This year we celebrate the result of that effort with the 10-year anniversary of the Front & Erie House.

“When my daughter was at St. Christopher’s, we saw mothers sleeping on sofas every night,” recalls PRMH board member and volunteer Chuck Montufar, who was among Front & Erie’s founding parents. “My wife stayed every night, sleeping on cots or in the lounges. Our dinners came out of vending machines.”

The Front & Erie House opened in 2008, with 20 guest rooms. It has since served 3,558 families with seriously ill children from around the region and around the world—hailing from 44 countries, all 50 states, and 3 US territories. Despite the number of visitors, the size of the house makes it feel intimate. Families, staff, and volunteers really get to know each other.

“Our volunteers really bond with our families here, because they have so much interaction with them,” explains Assistant Director of Operations Carolann Costa. “And the volunteers do everything to keep this house running—from laundry to gardening and everything in between.”

“The intimacy makes our small house a home,” says former manager of the Chestnut Street House and current volunteer at Front & Erie, Roseann Kirlin. “I’m a housemother—or a grandmother—looking after the families.”

Many families staying at the Front & Erie House have patient diagnoses in common. Nearly 50% of families are staying at the House for orthopedic conditions, so they uniquely relate to each other’s experiences and can share resources.

Most important, though, these families have a safe, convenient, and comfortable place to stay and nutritious meals to eat during the most stressful times in their lives.

“Before we opened this house, if they couldn’t drive home every night, our parents were sleeping in hospital lobbies or in their cars. Most couldn’t afford hotels,” recalls Costa, who was the first employee of the Front & Erie House.

“We are seeing a parallel situation now with the construction on Chestnut Street—we are making more room for more families who need it,” says Montufar.

Like the opening of the Front & Erie House, the addition of the Miller Tower to the Chestnut Street House will dramatically expand our ability to serve families in need, with 88 new guest rooms. And, like the Front & Erie House, that expansion will rely on the generosity and dedication of our families, volunteers, and other friends.

“It always amazes me how many people give of their time, talent, and treasure to make a home away from home for our families at both houses,” says Kirlin fondly.

For more information on how you can participate in the Chestnut Street expansion, visit [www.philarmh.org/makeroom](http://www.philarmh.org/makeroom).
**EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING ON CHESTNUT STREET!**

A small ceremony marked a huge milestone for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House this March, as the final beam of our new Jill and Alan B. Miller Tower was installed. Now, as the exterior of the eight-story structure nears completion, passersby can clearly envision how the finished building will look.

Construction is zooming ahead and we are making swift progress toward opening this winter. The core and shell work are now topped out through the 8th floor, the first floor dining and kitchen areas are framed, and installation of prefabricated exterior walls and sheathing are underway. In the coming months, work will focus on the exterior façade, elevators, and then the final fitting-out of 88 new guest rooms, family and guest chef kitchen, play areas, lounges, and all the other fun spaces our new house has in store.

When all is complete, this epic project will more than double our capacity to house, feed, and nurture families through social and other support services. It is only made possible only with the generous support of private individuals and organizations through the Room in Our Hearts campaign.

For more details on the expansion and all that it will include, or to support Room in Our Hearts, please visit [www.philarmh.org/makeroom](http://www.philarmh.org/makeroom) and watch our progress at [www.philarmh.org/WorkZoneCam](http://www.philarmh.org/WorkZoneCam).

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**FRAN’S STORY**

If you’ve been to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House in the past 25 years, odds are you’ve met one of our most dedicated volunteers, Fran Schwartz. Since 1993, when Fran was 80 years old, she has been a warm, welcoming, reliable presence for staff and families alike. For being such a devoted volunteer, she started this role somewhat accidentally.

“To tell you the truth, I had never heard about Ronald McDonald House before I started volunteering. I used to live at 40th and Chestnut. I walked by there one day when I wasn’t working, and I thought, ‘Gee, I’m not doing anything. Why don’t I go in and see if they need me?’” An hour or so later, Fran was given the Monday afternoon shift, checking families in and out, answering phones, and providing assistance to families however she could. She loves knowing that she’s “really doing something to help somebody. And we have a lot of fun!”

Besides giving Fran a rewarding way to spend her time, her experience at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House has also introduced her to one of her very best friends, Ceil Drum. “Ceil has been there about 22 years,” says Fran. “I remember she came into the office on a Monday and was introduced to me, and we have been friends ever since. She is the heart and soul of that place. I call her Miss Ronald McDonald House. If there’s something going on, Ceil is there.” Ceil has also become a very helpful friend. Fran adds that “She lives in Newtown Square, and she comes all the way to Wynnewfield to pick me up for my volunteer shift. If it wasn’t for Ceil, I wouldn’t get there.”

After all of these years, volunteering for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is still a rewarding experience for Fran. “It’s a very worthwhile cause,” she says. “Here are parents of children who are seriously ill, and it’s wonderful to think that you could do a little something for them.” Now 105 years old, she is showing no signs of slowing down. “Unless I were absolutely not able to see anymore...up until then I’ll be there.”
Summer has arrived in Philadelphia, and our guest families (and staff and volunteers) are so happy to be spending time outside in the warm weather. But, they’ll be even happier this time next year, when we will have so many new places to spend time in the sunshine. With our expansion project will come exciting and beautiful new outdoor spaces to relax and unwind—and you can make your mark on one of them! Opportunities to name a new outdoor space are available at all levels of support, but quantities are limited, so reserve yours today!

**$250,000**  
Outdoor Dining Area  
This signature feature of the renovation and expansion plan will offer beautiful and tranquil outdoor seating for sunny day meals, and a restaurant-quality Grilling Station for our guest chefs year-round.

**$150,000**  
Grand Outdoor Staircase  
A stunning architectural feature of the new outdoor space, the two-tier Grand Staircase will lead guests from the Outdoor Dining Area to a rooftop garden (to be opened in a future phase of construction).  
**RESERVED!**

**$15,000**  
Raised Planter Beds  
Among its many features, the Outdoor Dining Area will include beautiful, raised planter beds, enhancing and beautifying the atmosphere of the space.

**$10,000**  
Ground Level Patio Planters  
The Outdoor Dining Area will include lovely ground level patio planters, adding to the relaxing nature of the space.  
**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

**$10,000**  
Outdoor Grilling Station  
Nothing compares to grilling dinner outdoors on a sunny day! The Outdoor Grilling Station allows guest chefs to prepare “home cooked” meals for our families and their guests outside the traditional kitchen.  
**RESERVED!**

**$10,000**  
Outdoor Dining Tables  
The Outdoor Dining Area will provide a sunny alternative to our traditional family dining room—and the outdoor tables will provide relaxing spaces to eat, work, or meet with friends during downtime.  
**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

**$1,000**  
8” x 8” Engraved Bricks  
Located on the new ground level patio, in and around the outdoor dining area, engraved bricks are a wonderful way to recognize family, friends, or your place of business. These 8” x 8” stones can accommodate up to 6 lines of text—15 total characters per line including spaces and punctuation.  
**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

**$500**  
4” x 8” Engraved Bricks  
These 4” x 8” bricks will be located on the new ground level patio and surroundings. Recognize your family, friends, or place of business with up to 3 lines of text, 15 total characters per line including spaces and punctuation.  
**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

There are all kinds of opportunities to make your mark on our new House through the Room in Our Hearts campaign. Please visit www.philarmh.org/makeroom to find out more or reserve your signature space today.
Every day, Guest Chef, Breakfast Buddies, and Meals to Go groups walk through our doors ready to comfort our guest families by making delicious meals for them. They know families will have one less worry as they do their best to take care of their seriously ill children. Mary and Don McGettigan from Cara’s Sweethearts, one of our Served with Love and Guest Chef groups, recently shared their story:

Our family first volunteered as Guest Chefs as the McLaughlin/McGettigan Family in July 2012 before Cara’s Sweethearts was officially organized. We actually came up with the name Cara’s Sweethearts while at our first PRMH Guest Chefs event!

We always knew of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and it was discussed with us as an option to stay closer to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) when Mary was pregnant with Cara, but we lived too close to be candidates. When Cara was born and had open heart surgery at one day old, we greatly appreciated and benefited from the PRMH Family Room at the hospital’s Cardiac Center during our stay. In fact, since Cara’s surgery was on November 18, 2011, we had Thanksgiving dinner at the Family Room in the CCU! In preparation for her first birthday, we brainstormed on how we could give back in gratitude for the care we received for her, and we decided to start a holiday toy drive and to be Guest Chefs at PRMH. Since then, we have now organized Cara’s Sweethearts as a 501(c)(3) organization, continuing our annual toy drive and volunteering as Guest Chefs, but also holding an annual event to raise funds for local children’s hospitals and programs, including being Adopt-A-Room sponsors at the Chestnut Street House for the past five years.

We like to help out the guest families because we were once in their shoes. Caring for a sick child is mentally and physically draining, and having a good meal helps you focus on your family and your child in need. Families need this energy and it is uplifting to know that others are thinking of them when they are going through very difficult times. We find comfort in sharing our story about Cara and being able to share her positive outcome with others. We have told her story countless times to friends, family, and complete strangers because we are proud of her growth and development and so very thankful for the care she received.

Volunteering at the House is very fulfilling. We have brought together various groups of family and friends over the past seven years, ranging from young teenagers to adults and we all just love it. We are happy to be able to help and provide a meal that gives families one less thing to worry about in their day. Before the event, we have mass group texts that are very active with ideas for the meals, decorations, and activities for the kids or siblings at the House. We have hosted meals with themes of 4th of July BBQ, Cinco De Mayo, Lilo & Stitch Hawaiian BBQ, Mother’s Day brunch, etc. It brings us together as family and friends to be creative and show off our cooking skills! While cooking, we listen to music, we make jokes and laugh, and we take pictures to keep these memories for a lifetime. When at the House, we can’t help but look around at the pictures on display and the families moving in and out of the House, and consider what these families are experiencing day to day and what a warm home-cooked meal can mean to them.

We read the brochure on the Served with Love program and thought it was such a great idea to enhance the Guest Chefs experience. When bringing together a group this size, it felt good to leave behind more than just dinner leftovers. We want the families to know that their community in Philadelphia is here to support them in any way we can.

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

Served with Love is a brand new program designed for Breakfast Buddies, Guest Chefs, and Meals to Go groups who wish to make a greater impact on the families staying at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. By supporting Served with Love, you or your group help guest families with more than just delicious meals. Your gift of $1,000 or more each year enables us to continue providing a community of comfort and hope at both the Chestnut Street and Front & Erie Houses.

Donation Amount: $1,000

For more information, please visit [www.philarmh.org/servedwithlove](http://www.philarmh.org/servedwithlove) or contact Chris Callanan at chris@philarmh.org.
PREMIER PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: ALLSTATE

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is very fortunate to have the support of numerous companies and organizations who believe in our mission and want to help families with seriously ill children. Some of these companies, such as Allstate and other Premier Partners, have gone above and beyond to make sure that we can continue providing services to our guest families year round.

“Everything we do at Allstate is done with the purpose of helping people live a good life,” says Alyssa Shaffer, Allstate spokesperson. “We’re proud to support the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House because we share the same mission—to help individuals and families during their time of need. So, when Greg Kramer, Allstate agency owner in Newtown, PA, approached us about supporting the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House Plane Pull in 2017, it just made sense.”

“Since becoming the presenting sponsor of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House Plane Pull in 2017, local Allstate agency owners, financial specialists, and employees have logged over 200 volunteer hours with the organization,” says Shaffer. “Thanks to the volunteerism of our agency force, the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House has received $34,000 in Helping Hands Grants from The Allstate Foundation.”

“We are extremely grateful for the outstanding contributions from our Premier Partners,” says Chris Callanan, PRMH Director of Events and Corporate Development. “Allstate is a great example of a company that understands the value of engaging its employees in giving back to the community. By participating as the Presenting Sponsor for the Plane Pull for two years in a row, they have helped us tremendously in reaching fundraising goals so that we can continue to provide services to our guest families. It was also encouraging to see Allstate employees come out in full force to volunteer at both events.”

For more information on how your company can become a Premier Partner, please contact Chris Callanan at chris@philarmh.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 24, 2018
PRMH Philalympics
Wells Fargo Center
3601 S Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

The PRMH Philalympics is a corporate challenge where local companies compete against each other in Philadelphia-themed games such as adult tricycle races, slingshot games, and Philadelphia trivia, all to crown the ‘phunnest’ company in Philadelphia.

All the challenges take place inside the Wells Fargo Center, giving teams the unique opportunity to show their skills in the same arena where the Philadelphia 76ers and the Philadelphia Flyers play.

The day will serve as a great team building activity and networking event to raise funds for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Sign your team up at www.philarmh.org/Philalympics

OCTOBER 3, 2018
Champions of Hope Awards
Fairmount Water Works
640 Waterworks Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19130

At the annual Champions of Hope Awards, we honor two individuals who exemplify the vision and compassion of our co-founders, Dr. Audrey Evans and Jimmy Murray, through their lifelong dedication to the well-being of children and families.

We also recognize the unsung heroes who allow us to provide a community of comfort and hope for families of seriously ill children every day of the year—our volunteers. As the heart of our House, these individuals selflessly devote their time to ensuring that every family who walks through our doors feels welcomed, and that they have everything they need to focus on the health of their children.

For more information, visit www.philarmh.org/Champions and for sponsorship opportunities, please contact Chris Callanan at chris@philarmh.org.

OCTOBER 15, 2018
Show Your Stripes
Philadelphia and surrounding areas

The Show Your Stripes campaign is a fun and easy way for everyone to get involved and support the families of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Families, friends, companies, and groups can purchase our striped items for $10 each, then snap a photo and share online with #ShowYourStripes. Our 2018 striped items include sock monkeys, mittens, scarves, hats, ties, our famous striped socks, and more. All items benefit the families of seriously ill children staying at the House, and can be purchased through our online store and events.

Visit www.philarmh.org/ShowYourStripes to learn more, view photos, and purchase your striped gear.
FAMILIES SERVED BY COUNTRY

We served families from 23 countries and two U.S. Territories, including:

- Australia
- Bahamas
- Bolivia
- Canada
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Ireland
- Israel
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Puerto Rico
- Rwanda
- Singapore
- Sweden
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- United States
- US Virgin Islands

FAMILIES SERVED BY STATE

We served families from 48 states with the majority traveling from PA, NJ, and NY.

TOP 3 HOSPITALS SERVED

- Chestnut Street
  - Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (94%)
  - Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia/Wills Eye Hospital (1%)
  - Wills Eye Hospital (1%)
  - Other (3%)

- Front & Erie
  - Shriners Hospital for Children (29%)
  - St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children (19%)
  - Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (11%)
  - Other (9%)

TOP 3 HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTS

- Chestnut Street
  - Oncology (25%)
  - Cardiology (19%)
  - Neonatology (15%)

- Front & Erie
  - Orthopedics (60%)
  - Oncology (7%)
  - Neonatology (7%)

OUR HOUSES*

- 2,141 Family stays
- 10 Nights in the average family stay
- 323 Consecutive nights in longest family stay
- 7,844 Family requests we could not accommodate because we were full

2017 IN REVIEW
*Because we took twelve rooms out of service at our Chestnut Street location as part of our expansion–related construction, a portion of these families were served at our Sheraton extension, comprising a leased floor of eleven rooms located at the Sheraton University City Hotel.

OUR IMPACT

98%
Families who agree that staying at the House helped to reduce their stress levels

98%
Families who agree that staying at the House made it easier to access treatment

99%
Families who agree that the CHOP Family Room is a valuable resource during a difficult time

97%
Families who agree that the St. Christopher’s Family Room helped them maintain their wellbeing

99%
Parents who agree that Ronald McDonald Camp has helped their child build confidence and become more independent
Located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains—just three hours outside of Philadelphia—Ronald McDonald Camp looks like a traditional summer camp, but as anyone who has been there knows, it is so much more. RMC is a place where enjoy just being kids. It’s a week of fun and friendship and freedom from being different. It’s a chance to experience new activities and acquire new skills in a supportive, nurturing environment. It’s a time when kids can talk openly about cancer and everybody else understands.

RMC 2018 will take place August 12th – August 18th.

Visit www.philarmh.org/camp to learn more or to donate.