

Supporting RMHC Guest Families: Off-Site Projects

Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities® Eastern Wisconsin!

Whether through time, talent, or treasure, your generosity helps us provide a home away from home when families need it most.

FUNDRAISING

Starting a fundraiser is a great way to introduce your family, friends, and community to the RMHC mission. There are several ways you can fundraise, from bake sales to 5Ks and more! RMHC can even help you accept cashless donations by creating your own online fundraising page.



Crowdfunding

Create your own online fundraising page and see your progress in real time. To set up your fundraiser, visit "Fundraise" under the "How to Help" banner on our website and follow these steps:

- Use the name of your fundraiser in the field, "Display Name". This will show as the title of your fundraiser and cannot be changed once created.
- Once created, you will receive an email allowing you to edit the personalized fundraising fields.
- RMHC will need to approve the page and activate your fundraiser. It will then be added to the fundraiser dashboard and visible to your donors.
- Once your fundraiser is live, you can share the link with your friends and family via text, email, or social media!

Change/ Penny Wars

This is a great way to engage schools and youth-oriented organizations!

How it Works:

- Containers (jars, buckets, etc.) are set up for each team, class, or group.
- Participants put money into the containers
 - Pennies (and if determined, other coins) add points
 - Silver coins and bills subtract points
- Feel free to modify the rules as they fit your fundraiser!

Tips for Success:

- Use transparent jars to build excitement as the fundraiser progresses.
- End with a celebration or prize for the winning team/class.



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COLLECT

Wish List Drives

From simple household needs to larger goods and services, your wish list donations allow families to focus on what matters most – the health and well-being of their children. Our Wish List is updated weekly with the House's greatest needs.

To help us prepare for your thoughtful donations, we kindly ask that you schedule a drop-off date and time on the page at the end of this document.

Your support fills our shelves, our House, and our hearts – thank you!



**View Wish List
Here**

Pop Tabs

Revenue from recycling the aluminum tabs from cans helps us keep families together, and saving them is so easy!

How to Get Started:

- Place a collection container in a central location at home, work, or school. Pop tab collection houses are available for pick up at the Ronald McDonald House® for a suggested donation of 50 cents per small house and \$3 per large house.
- Get creative and make your own using a wide-mouthed bucket or bin.
 - **Please do not use milk or water jugs, as it is difficult to remove the tabs from these containers.**
- Make your own container labels or print out our official [Pop Tab collection labels](#).



Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops have the opportunity to earn a special patch for collecting and donating pop tabs! Patches are generously donated by Schweizer Emblem.

**Visit Pop Tab
Site Here**

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CARE

Snack Drives & Snack Packs

Collecting individually packaged snacks is an impactful way to keep families fueled for long days at the hospital. Grab-and-go options ease worry so that they can focus on their sick or injured children.

Guidelines:

- Use clear gallon Ziploc bags and fill them with healthy, non-perishable snacks.
- All items within the bag must be pre-packaged; **we do not accept homemade food.**
- Place at least three snack items in each bag.
- **No expired food.**
- If food requires utensils, please provide them inside of the snack bag.
- We ask for a minimum of **10 bags** per donation.

Suggested Items for Snack Packs:

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| • Popcorn | • Granola bars | • Beef Jerky |
| • Fruit cups | • Crackers | • Chips |
| • Pudding cups | • Cookies | • Breakfast Bars |
| • Nuts | • Trail mix | • Pop Tarts |
| • Pretzels | • Dried fruit | • Protein Bars |



Friendship Bracelets

Friendship Bracelets help spread joy and are a creative and fun way to support our mission!

Styles:

- Macrame Bracelets
- Beaded Bracelets
- Rubber Band Loom Bracelets

Use our [RMHC Friendship Bracelet Guide](#) to make your bracelets!



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COMFORT

Wellness and Self-Care Kits

Wellness and Self-Care kits help caregivers relax and unwind after spending long days at the hospital. We ask that groups provide at least 10 kits at a time. If you have the capacity to make more, please contact volunteer@rmhc-easternwi.org for additional details.

Suggested Items for Kits:

- Reusable water bottle
- Journal
- Stress ball or fidget toy
- Chapstick
- Skincare products (lotion, face masks, etc.)
- Fuzzy socks or slippers
- Aromatherapy (essential oils)
- Tea



Fleece Tie Blankets & Pillowcases

Our Quilts With Love program provides guest families with cozy blankets during their stay. We rely on donations to keep this program running!

Blankets can be homemade with new materials, such as fleece, knit, or patchwork quilts. Fun colors and patterns are welcome! All blanket sizes are welcomed, including:

- Crib: 45in x 60 in
- Throw: 52in x 60in
- Double: 90in x 108in



.We also take donations of standard-sized pillowcases. Patterns for boys, girls and adults are appreciated!

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Donation Drop-Off Information

To help us prepare for your thoughtful donations, we kindly ask that you schedule a drop-off date and time

Donations can be dropped off daily at our main entrance from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. You may pull up to our main entrance under the awning to unload your donation. Please use the intercom to let our front desk know that you are dropping off your donation. Carts are available upon request.



**View Donation
Scheduler
Here**



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