

# 2016 Annual Report



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®**  
Ireland

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Keeping families close

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# ***The Ronald McDonald House – How it all began***

*Ronald McDonald House Charities was born out of the unlikely partnership of Dr Audrey Evans, an oncologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, McDonald's and an American Football team - the Philadelphia Eagles.*



*Kim Hill*

Fred Hill, a player for the Philadelphia Eagles, had a daughter, Kim, suffering from leukaemia, which prompted the team to raise in excess of \$100,000 dollars to support the hospital. This was met with much gratitude from Dr. Evans and her team but also with a request for another \$32,000 to fund a house in which families of children in the hospital could get proper rest, away from the ward.

This request was met by Ed Rensi, an area manager for McDonald's. The company offered to donate the proceeds from their 'shamrock shake' to the cause. In return Ed asked that the house be known as the Ronald McDonald House.

On 15 October 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Philadelphia. In 1984 the Ronald McDonald charities was officially established in memory of McDonald's Corporation founder Ray Kroc, a strong advocate for children. In the intervening years Ronald McDonald House Charities has formed new and independent chapters in over 62 regions and countries.

There are now 365 \*Ronald McDonald Houses in 42 countries, 214 \*Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in 23 countries and 50 \*Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles in 9 countries. In 2012 RMHC was honored by the American Hospital Association as an exceptional partner in the delivery of health care services. Today at least one RMHC Core Programme\* provides care for families being served at 89% of top children's hospitals worldwide. RMHC is the world's leading NGO supporting the accommodation needs of families with children receiving treatment at a hospital.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2004 the first Irish Ronald McDonald House opened on the grounds of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 we opened our second House. The Ronald McDonald House in Ireland looks after 20 families every night. Since 2004 we have provided accommodation, care and support for in excess of 3,000 families from all over Ireland.

*\*RMHC Core Programme*

## ***RMHC Ireland Our Mission***

The mission of RMHC Ireland is to provide a Ronald McDonald House in order to support families whose children are seriously ill in hospital. The Ronald McDonald House provides accommodation and a caring and supportive environment for families whose children are seriously ill and are hospitalised or undergoing medical treatment at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12



## ***Our Vision***

Through our committed board members, our caring staff, our dedicated volunteers and our generous donors and supporters we aim to provide a caring and supportive environment for families so that they can stay together and be actively involved in their children's care while they are long term in hospital.

## *A Message from our Chairperson*

It is my pleasure to once again present the Annual Report from the Board of Trustees of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Ireland.



The Ronald McDonald House Charities in Ireland supports families whose children are seriously ill in hospital. We accomplish this through our Ronald McDonald House. Our House provides a caring and supportive environment for 20 families every night while their seriously ill children are undergoing treatment at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

The last year has been a very busy one for the Charity. The demand for the services provided is ever increasing. Last year we looked after 305 families from all over Ireland. Our annual running costs are in excess of €400,000. This money is raised each year through our many fundraising events and the generosity of our many families and supporters.

It is important to take this opportunity to thank all of our very generous supporters. Your generosity makes what we do possible and results in an enormous difference for so many families.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our gratitude to Marian Carroll, our CEO (volunteer) and all of her staff and volunteers who make such a worthwhile contribution to so many families at a time of great vulnerability and need. Since we opened in November 2004 we have provided a very valuable and necessary service for over 3,000 families from all over Ireland which amounts to over 74,576 bed nights. It is not numbers that makes our House a Home. It's the people - the staff, the volunteers, the donors, the families and the community. It is the warmth, the sharing of joy and sorrow, the listening ear and the supportive hug, the courage and the love that makes our House a Home.

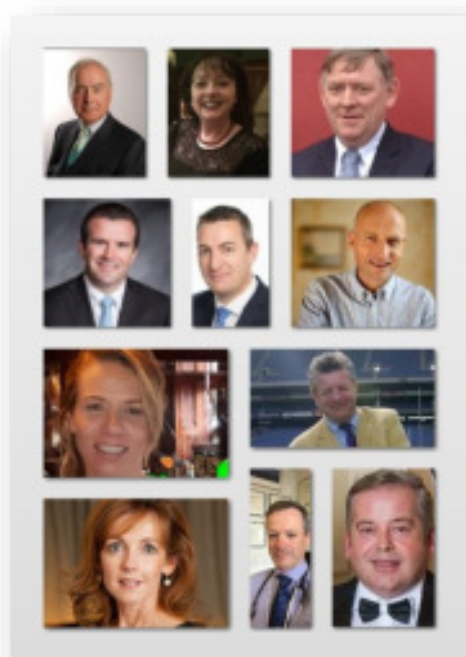
RMHC is committed to the highest standards of governance. Our charity will always remain in the vanguard of those which ensure that funding raised through the generosity of all our donors will remain maximally available for the purposes for which it was donated. RMHC Ireland is fully committed to achieving the standards contained within the Statement of Guiding-Principles-of-Fundraising and we comply with The Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector in Ireland. We welcome the founding of Charities Institute Ireland and are committed to operating to the triple lock standards of transparent reporting, good fundraising and governance.

2017 will be a busy year for The Ronald McDonald House Charity, Ireland. Our 5-year objective is to develop and build a New 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House, adjacent to the New Children's Hospital when it opens in 2020. 2017 will see us building on our major capital fundraising programme to help raise the funds required to build this new House.

Your continued support will be necessary as the Charity cannot achieve its goals without you.

Dr. Bruce Mitchell  
Chairperson  
RMHC Ireland

# ***RMHC Ireland Board of Trustees***



**Chairperson:** Dr. Bruce Mitchell, MBBCh, FRCP, FRCPI

**CEO (Volunteer):** Marian Carroll

**Treasurer:** Dave Bobbett (Owner & MD H&K International)

**Company Secretary:** Dr. Aengus O'Marcaigh (Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, OLC Hospital Crumlin)

**Marcus Hewson** (ex M.D. McDonald's Restaurants of Ireland Ltd.)

**Alison Cowzer** (Managing Director, The Company of Food)

**Jimmy Edwards** (Director of Operations, Franchising & Supply Chain McDonald's Ireland)

**Bernard Byrne** (McDonald's Owner Operator, Carlow, Wexford & Dublin)

**Shane Jennings** (Ex Ireland & Leinster Rugby Player)

**Martin Foy** (Director BrennanFoy & Co Engineers Ltd)

**Rosie Conneely** (November)

All Board Members, including our CEO, kindly donate their time and their services on a voluntary basis.

## ***Board Sub Committees***

### **Fundraising Committee:**

Alison Cowzer, Marian Carroll, Shane Jennings, Marcus Hewson, Jimmy Edwards, Martin Foy, Bernard Byrne, Joe Kenny

### **Finance, Remuneration & Governance Committee:**

Dave Bobbett, Bruce Mitchell, Bernard Byrne, Kevin Keenan

**House Committee:** Marian Carroll, Aengus O'Marcaigh, Martin Foy, Joe Kenny

**New House Committee:** Bruce Mitchell, Marian Carroll, Alison Cowzer, Dave Bobbett, Kevin Keenan, Martin Foy, Joe Kenny

**McDonald's Owner Operator Liaison:** Bernard Byrne

**McDonald's Restaurants Ireland Ltd. Liaison:** Jimmy Edwards

**Hospital Liaison:** Aengus O'Marcaigh

## ***Additional Committees***

### ***Golf***

Marian Carroll  
Liz Nolan  
Joe Kenny  
Richard Boland  
Joanne Kiely

### ***Ball***

Marian Carroll  
Liz Nolan  
Joe Kenny  
Joanne Kiely

### ***Cycle***

Joe Kenny  
Sheena Dalton  
Jenny Farrell  
Liz Nolan  
Geraldine Gleeson  
Anne Redican  
Joanne Kiely  
Marian Carroll

### ***Walk***

Joe Kenny  
Sheena Dalton  
Jenny Farrell  
Marian Carroll  
Joanne Kiely

***Ambassadors: Dr. Marc O'Gríofa, Shane Jennings, Brenda Donohue, Johnie Murphy, Jake Heenan***



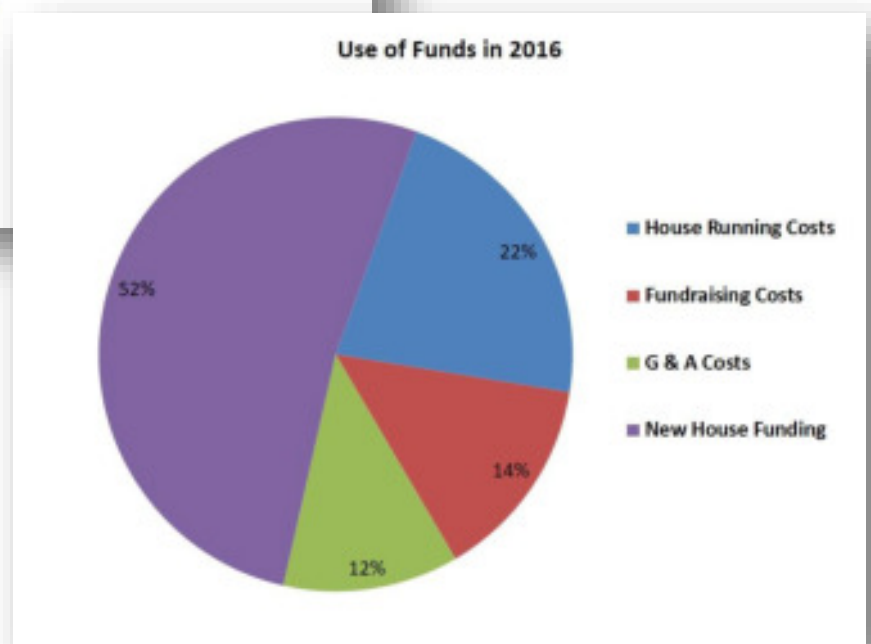
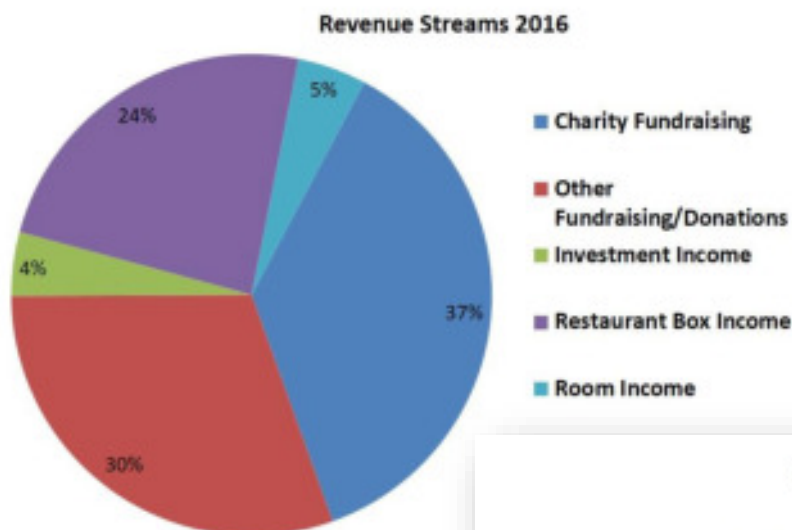
## Message from the Treasurer / Dave Bobbett

The past year has again demonstrated the wonderful support we receive from so many people. The generosity of individuals and corporations who donated in 2016 is not only appreciated by the Ronald McDonald House Charity but also by the many families who have stayed with us throughout the year.



In 2016 we raised €1,340,611. This support allows us to operate The House, look after our families and assists us greatly as we look to fund the building of a New Ronald McDonald House which we intend to open alongside the New Children's Hospital.

The Ronald McDonald House Charity Ireland is committed to efficiency, transparency and accountability to ensure the funds we receive are used to benefit the families we serve.



Full audited accounts available  
[www.rmhc.ie](http://www.rmhc.ie)

# ***RMHC Ireland & the Ronald McDonald House***



## **Message from Marian Carroll** CEO (Volunteer) RMHC Ireland

With two full time staff members and seven part time staff a considerable amount of work was done in 2016 by very few but very dedicated people.

We could not look after our families or conduct our fundraising events without the help and support of our staff and our many wonderful volunteers. I thank each and every one of you for helping our families through very difficult times.

We have so many people and companies who make a special effort to help us throughout the year. I would like to say a special *Thank You* to Robert Behan and Team Olleco for raising €185,000 from the challenging Haute Route Cycle they undertook in September. The money raised has been shared by RMHC Ireland and UK. Well done gentlemen.

I was a great honor to have been awarded the Image Business Woman of the Year Award 2016 – Social Entrepreneurship. This was great recognition for The Ronald McDonald House Charity and the work we do #KeepingFamiliesClose

In 2016 we continued to work very closely with the New Children's Hospital Group Board, The New Children's Hospital Development Board and the HSE with a view to providing a new 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House alongside the New Children's Hospital. We were delighted see planning permission granted for the New Hospital and the New Ronald McDonald House. Raising the necessary €16 million will be a challenge but one we face with determination and enthusiasm.

## ***Charity Staff***

CEO (Volunteer): Marian Carroll

Chief Financial Officer: Kevin Keenan

Head of Operations: Joe Kenny

Head of Development: Edel O'Malley (Nov)

Charity Administrator: Liz Nolan

Social Media/Graphic Design: Joanne Kiely

## ***House Staff***

House Managers: Sheena Dalton & Jenny Farrell

Front of House: Sandra Seery & Ellen Kearney

House Keepers: Sandra Seery, Valerie Killeen, Sandra Fogarty (Dec)





# Volunteers 2016

**Volunteer Hours: 8,079: Savings €176,646**

Our Volunteers are involved in so many areas both in the Charity and in The House. They help with cooking, cleaning, gardening, painting, plumbing, electrical, administration and IT. Whatever job we need looked after there is always a Volunteer there to help. Thank you all for making a difference.

## RMHC Ireland Core Volunteers

Ann Redican	Katrina Mooney	Paula Knox
Ann Smyth	Lorcan Potts	Pauline O'Connell
Bernice McCormack	Mairéad Moran	Sandra Fogarty
Bernie Carroll	Margaret Brogan	Seán Mahon
Brendan Corrigan	Marian Carroll	Sister Miriam Doran
Eamonn McNamee	Marian Gallagher	Stuart Connolly
Eileen Mitchell	Mary Hurley	Therese Fagan
Emer Keating	Maura Byrne	Theresa Harford
Gavin O'Brien	Michael Comerford	Thomas Hamilton
Ger Gleeson	Moira O'Flaherty	Tom Hayes
Ivy Keohane-Dore	Norah Blunt	Veronica Reid
	Paul Hamilton	

**Thanks also to the 21 Transition Year Students who volunteered in 2016**



## Message from one of our Volunteers: Seán Mahon



Seán started volunteering for The Ronald McDonald House in 2010, after recovering from a serious illness he decided he wanted to do something more with his time as the illness left unable to go back to his career as a chef.

"I didn't just want to give up and do nothing. I was a Chef and Craftsman all my adult life and I wanted to do something. I went along to a volunteer agency on Thomas Street and they told me that The Ronald McDonald House was looking for someone to cook a lasagna" *Seán Mahon*

Seán did not know anything about The House and was surprised to find that he lived very close by so he went along and cooked a Lasagna for the families in the House. 6 years later and so many different meals later he is one of our most dedicated volunteers. Seán's famous *Friday Roast Dinners* are very popular with families and staff alike. Over the years families who have stayed with us have always looked forward to Sean's dinners as they are, for many, the taste of home.

"Seán cooked in the House every Friday when we were there over 3 years ago and again 2 years ago. I just can't believe he is still giving up his time to provide delicious meals for families who so appreciate it! Thank you Seán for all your hard work!" *Ciara Byrne Doran (Co. Wexford)*

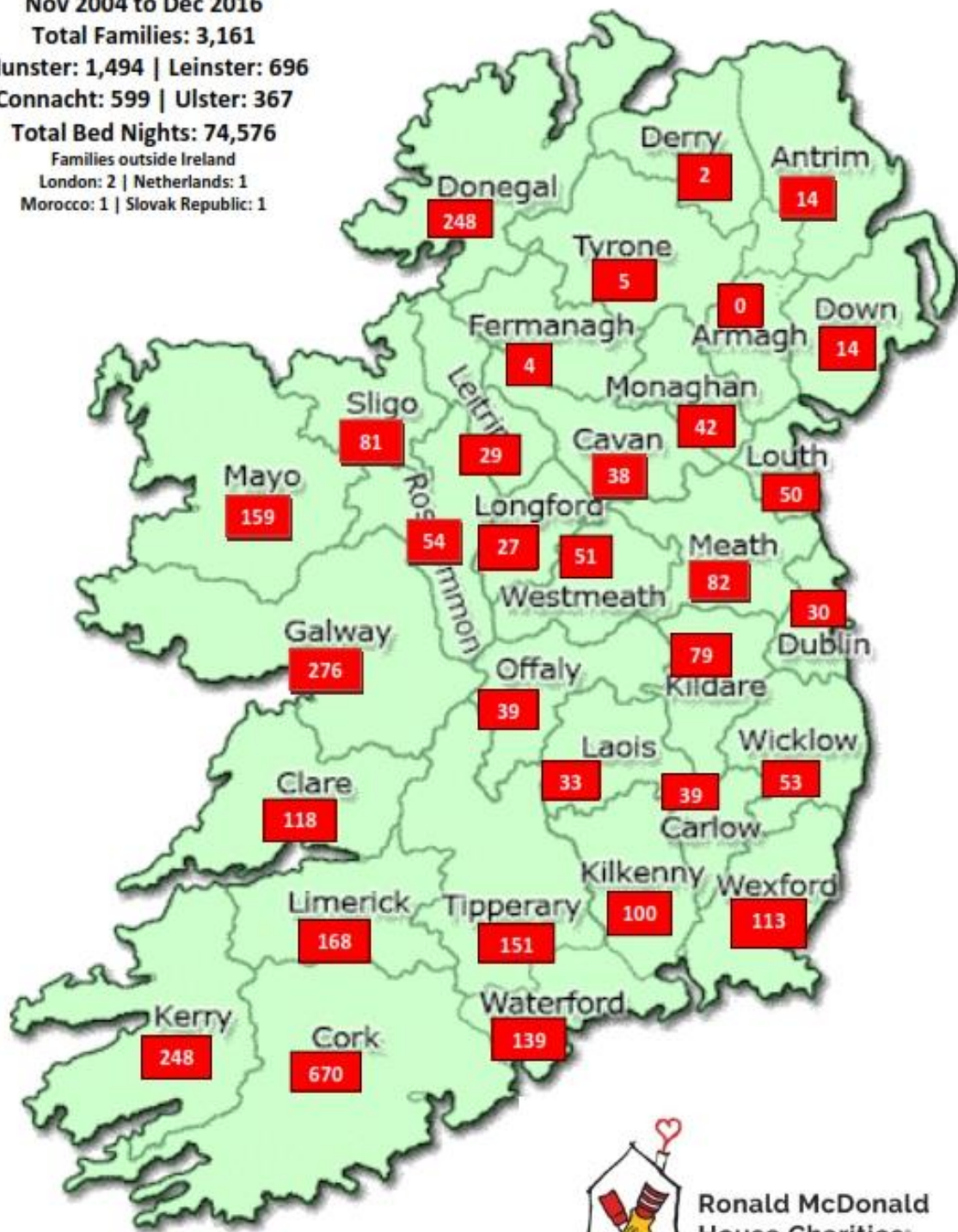
"How I miss your Friday roast dinners and apple tart, Seán! I particularly miss all the cooking tips you used to give me." *Siobhán Drohan (Co. Waterford)*

Seán has been a wonderful friend to the Ronald McDonald House. We cannot thank him enough for all he does.

## *Families in the House*



**Families by County**  
**Nov 2004 to Dec 2016**  
**Total Families: 3,161**  
**Munster: 1,494 | Leinster: 696**  
**Connacht: 599 | Ulster: 367**  
**Total Bed Nights: 74,576**  
Families outside Ireland  
London: 2 | Netherlands: 1  
Morocco: 1 | Slovak Republic: 1



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## Family Stories



**Mayo Family:** Having a baby is a beautiful experience. Our 3rd child, Shannon, was born in Co. Mayo on 3rd June 2016. While her birth was still beautiful, it was also filled with fear, anxiety and total helplessness. Shannon was transferred to Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, Co. Dublin straight after being born as she has an extremely serious heart condition. Shortly after being discharged myself and my partner Pat made our way to Dublin. The nurses in the hospital informed us about the Ronald McDonald House. It truly is a home from home. Being so far away from our other two children, family and friends was an emotionally draining and very lonely time. Having the Ronald McDonald House has been an absolute lifesaver. We could have our other children up at the weekends or family or friends could visit. The staff are so friendly and do an amazing job supporting you through the difficult times. The families we met there gave us hope, help and friendship. We all support one another. Shannon is currently 8 months old and has never been home. Without the Ronald McDonald House, we would never have managed emotionally and financially. I really just can't praise the staff enough. The House has such a relaxed environment, which is just what you need after a

long tiring day in the hospital. Volunteers also come in daily to cook meals for all the families, such incredible, selfless people who like to help. The Ronald McDonald House will be top of our list for any fundraising we do in the future. Thank you so much guys for everything.



**Galway Family:** When our daughter Madison was born in June 2016 we knew we would be spending the first few months of her life in Our Lady's Childrens Hospital. One of our worries as someone coming to Dublin from Galway with no family in the area was where will we stay to be close to Madison. Then we learned of the Ronald McDonald House. Our prayers were answered.

The Ronald McDonald House isn't just a room to sleep at night. It's a wonderful place with amazing staff and volunteers who are always there to help in any way they can. It's somewhere to go when you need a break from the hospital environment but is still close enough that you're only a few minutes away if you're needed.

When people hear that we've been here for nearly 9 months. They ask how we've remained so positive. The answer is and always will be because of the people we've met in the house along with the lifelong friends we've

made. The nightly ritual of meeting in the dining area catching up with everyone and having a laugh over cups and cups of tea and coffee makes the next day that bit easier.

We really will never be able to thank everyone involved in the organisation for all they do. It truly is a wonderful place for so many families at such a hard time in our lives.

*"Thank you for helping us out during the first few months of our daughter's stay in Crumlin. We are so grateful that we could call your House our Home during that difficult time. It meant so much that we had a base near our daughter and also that we were able to have the boys come and stay" (Cork Family)*

**#KeepingFamiliesClose**



## House Events 2016

Since The House opened in November 2004 we have provided accommodation, care and support for over 3,000 families from all over Ireland. The House is more than bricks and mortar. The House provides a caring and supportive environment and a safe haven for families with sick children. We could not provide this environment without the many volunteers who come to the house each week to help look after the families. During 2016 we had lots of happy events in The House. Thank you for helping us to look after our families.



Volunteer Margaret's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday



US Marines #Toys4Tots



Minister Harris has tea with Noah



Noah's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Christmas Dinner & Santa kindly arranged by Georga & Conor Wafer of Child's Play Creche



US Ambassador & Mrs. O'Malley



## #Cooking4Families 2016



*Coming home to a Home-Cooked-Meal is essential for our families. We could not run our #Cooking4Families Programme without the support of all these wonderful companies and individuals. Thank you all for making what we do possible.*

**Cooks:** 44th/93rd Crumlin Venture Scouts, Accenture, AIB, Airbnb, Alexion, Aviva New Business, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Bank Of Ireland, BCP Asset Management, Britvic, BT Ireland, Central Bank of Ireland, Convergys, DCU, Dell, Dell Financial Services, Deloitte, Douglas Newman Good, DTZ Sherry Fitzgerald, Duffandphelps, Ericsson, Ernst & Young, Fodhla Troop - Sea Scouts, General Mills Ireland, Glenpac, Google, Henry Schein Ireland, Irish Distillers - Pernod Ricard, Larousse Foods, LinkedIn, Mastercard, Mazars, McDonald's (Dublin Airport, O'Connell Bridge, The Square Tallaght, O'Connell Street) McDonald's Restaurants Ireland, Merck Sharpe Dohme, Merrill Lynch, Microsoft, Northern Trust, Novartis, Papa John's Restaurant, Rational FT Services, Reckitt Benckiser, Regeneron Ireland, Sage, Salesforce, SAP, Symantec, Telefonica EPSC, The Firm, Trinity Paediatric Society, UCD Service Learning, Ulster Bank, US Embassy, Wella Professionals Ireland, Wrike, Yahoo.

*The Companies below kindly donate food products on a regular basis to assist our #Cooking4Families Programme:* Dawn Meats, Glenpac Bacon Products, James Whelan Butchers, Keelings, Tesco and Tom Whelans.

### A word from one of our long term suppliers



'Glenpac Bacon Products Ltd is situated approximately 2 miles outside of Crossmaglen. Glenpac Bacon Products Ltd became involved with Ronald McDonald House when our factory manager Seán McCabe's daughter was a patient in St Johns Ward Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin in 2010. Seán's family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House for almost 6 months. On a weekly basis we donate product and also make a financial donation annually. To date we have donated a total of €25,608.42'

## #Services4Families 2016

The following companies very kindly donate product and services to assist us in the day-to-day running of The Ronald McDonald House. Because of the generosity of these companies our running costs are greatly reduced. Thank you all for making a difference every day.

Aramark, Ballymaguire, Bewleys, Bitbuzz, Bizimply, BM Glass Coatings & Graphics Ltd, Brian Meldon Property Valuers, Caterhire, Couverture, Crowdcomms, Crumlin Print, Diamond Furniture, Fantasy Lights, Farmhouse Café, Firstlight, Food Cloud Hubs, Higgin's & Co., Hugh Jordan's, Johnson & Johnson, Kaneco, Keelings, Kelsius, KLM Fire, Kone, Martin Brower, Microsoft, Musgrave's, Nespresso, O'Meara Camping, Paul & Thomas Hamilton, Richmond Electrical Wholesale, Roschem Ltd, Rosie and Jim, TakeThemAMeal.com, Terry Daly, Tesco, Thorntons Recycling, Waterlogic

### A word about one of our Service Providers:

**Thorntons Recycling** kindly remove all our waste on a pro bono basis. In 2016 this service saved the Charity in excess of €1,000.





# Fundraising 2016

RMHC Ireland have so many friends and supporters who make a wonderful effort to help us raise the funds we need to keep families close throughout the year. We thank all of them most sincerely.

**McDonald's Customers** donated €528,018 by donating coins and or purchasing Helping Hands, Bricks or Santa Hats.

**RMHC Events** - Cycle (April), Golf (June), Walk (Sep) Gala Ball (Nov)  
In 2016 these events raised €224,604.

**Robert Behan and Team Olleco** raised €185,000 for RMHC Ireland and UK when they undertook the Haute Route Challenge. An enormous undertaking by seven brave men for a very special reason.

**Paul Hamilton** placed the RMHC Ireland logo on his 'Van' when he and his fellow supporters went to France for Euro 2016. Paul also helped us raise €4,000 in our Euro 2016 raffle. Thanks to all who supported.

**#TeamRMHC** - Many people undertake various **Marathons** around the country. This year €21,000 was raised from Dublin and Cork Mini Marathons and the Dublin City Marathon alone.

**FK International** very kindly donated €5,000 to the Ronald McDonald House this year in lieu of Christmas hampers to their clients.

**The Waterford Rotary** ran their annual cycle for us in May and raised €3,600

**Michael & Una Cully, Aiden Kilcoyne & Damien McCabe** cycled 220km from Dublin to Sligo and raised €3,301.64

**Our families** have always been wonderful fundraisers. They have stayed here. They understand the value of the House at a difficult time. In 2016 our families raised €87, 000. Thank you all.



# ***Sponsors & Donors 2016***

## **McDonald's Restaurants of Ireland & Irish McDonald's Owner Operators**

McDonald's Restaurants are worldwide RMHC Charity Partners since 1974. A very sincere thank you to Adrian Crean, MD McDonald's Restaurants of Ireland for his and for the company's tremendous support during 2016. Their sponsorship of our Gala Ball was very much appreciated again this year. We would also like to thank all the Irish McDonald's Owner Operators for their very generous help and support during the year. *Aaron Byrne, Amir Afsar, Bernard Byrne, Brenda O'Loughlin, Chris Pim, Chris Pocock, Declan O'Driscoll, Elaine Sterio, Gerry Hayden, Ian Carroll, James Perry, Jim Ronayne, Joe Byrne, John Blake, John Gallagher, Kieran McDermott, Malcolm McConkey, Mark O'Halloran, Martin Hoban, Mike Ruding, Morgan McStay, Phil Danaher, Rhoda Cramp, Richard McNamara, Séamus Rawle, Seán Corcoran, Seán Quirke, Siobhán Slater*

## **McDonald's Suppliers**

**We would like to acknowledge Dawn Meats for their great support this year – Athenry Farm Open Day, Waterford Rotary Cycle, RMHC Golf and The Gatsby Ball. We would like to thank Dave Bobbett and H&K for their generous sponsorship of the RMHC Cycle, Golf and Ball again this year. The following companies also work closely with McDonald's and kindly support the work we do.** Aecom, American Pan Company, AON Risk Solutions, Arthur Gibney Architects, ARYZTA, Ballygowan, Britvic, Cargill, Cawley Nea\TBWA, CJ Ryder Lawlor Ltd, Clear Channel, Coca Cola, Colman Reynolds, Dawn Meats Group, Dew Valley Foods, Drury, Espersen Denmark, Freshways, Greenfield Foods, GSLS, Guenther Bakeries, GVA Donal O'Buachalla, H&K International, Huhtamaki Delta Packaging, Jones Lang LaSalle, Kay Chemicals, Kerry Group, Kompan Commercial Systems, KPMG, Lakeland Dairies, Lamb Weston, Linney Group, Logical Real Estate Consulting, Martin Brower Ire, Martin Brower UK, McBurney Transport, McCains UK, McCann Fitzgerald Solicitors, McCormick UK, Masterlink, Mediaworks, NASA Alarms, Nestlé Ireland, P&J Gaffney Ltd, PML Group, PRL Group, Paul & Thomas Hamilton Plumbing, Reinhold Keller, Revenue Management Systems, Signature Flatbreads, Smith Anderson, Stafford Lynch, Three Ireland, Tom Phillips & Associates, Towers Watson, Tulip Ltd, Wide Eye Media.

## **Corporate and Individual Donors**

**The following companies and individuals have also supported us generously during the year. Thank You**

ABM Construction, Aidan Oliver Photography, Aramark, ARUP, ARVATO, Athlone Springs Hotel, Audio Networks Ltd. Avon Rí Hotel, Ballinhassig Camogie Club, Ballintogher Festival, Ballykisteon Golf Club, Ballymaloe Cookery School, Bank of Ireland, BDP, Bedell Trust, Benevity, Bizquip, BNY Mellon, Brasserie on the Corner, Brennan Foy & Co Engineers, Butlers Chocolates, Buswells Hotel, Calor Teoranta, Carton House Hotel, Cascade Designs Cassidy Wines, Castle Leslie, Castleknock Hotel, Celtic Ross Hotel, Chapter One, Classic Drinks, Clontarf Castle Hotel, Coady Partnership, Coláiste Bhaile Chláire, Connachy Family, Coolmore Manor House, Cook's Academy, Dave Roland Electrician, Dawson Hotel, Deloitte, DFP Consultants, Diarmuid Geary, Eddie & Helen Wall, Edge Promotions, Edward Dillon & Co, Eoin Reddan, ESL Jewelers, Etelligence Ltd, Extreme Ireland, Fantasy Lights, Fergal O'Murchú, Fiona O'Donnell, Fireseal, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Flahavans, Fleishman Europe, Food Cloud, Framed & Delivered.ie, FK International, Ger & Frank Ennis, George & Catherine Gannon, Gibson Hotel, Giles Norman, Glenpac Bacon, GVA Donal O'Buachalla, Hacketts Printing, Hodson Bay Hotel, Hotel Europe, Investec, IRFU, James Whelan Butcher, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Jim Cotter, Joan Cregan, Johnie Murphy, Johnson & Johnson, KAL, Kaneco, Kaymed, Kevin O'Brien (PJ Hegarty), , Keymore Construction, Keelings, Kellogg's, Killiney Castle, Knowles Family, Koping Citroen, Larchill Scouts, Largo Foods, La Rousse Foods, LAYA Healthcare, Lee Strand Dairies, Leinster Rugby, Limerick Strand Hotel, LK Shields Solicitors, Louis Copeland, Lyrath Hotel, Lyreco, McKesson, Mark Baker, Marlfield House, Maureen O'Mahony, Medicare, Mike & Mary Mehigan, Michael Cleary, Miele, Moate Golf Club, Moyvalley Hotel, Mulranny Park Hotel, Musgraves, Naas Golf Club, NAC, Nespresso, Newbridge Silver, O'Connor Sutton Cronin, Pallas Foods, Pantry Franchise Ireland, Pfizer, Peg Fortune's Carlow Dance, Peter Mark, Prem Group, Primeline, Radisson Galway, Rasam Restaurant, Reckitt Benckiser, Renvyle House, Robert-Roberts, Rory Barnes, Roschem, RTÉ Media Sales, Sage, Sales Force, SAP Ireland Ltd, Scoil Mochua, Seamus Downes, Seifa Ireland, Shane Deasy, Sheen Falls Lodge, S-Security Ltd, Silicon Valley Foundation, Simtech, Slieve Russell Golf Club, Shelton Distributors, Slaney Foods, Strand Travel, St Mary's Rugby Club, Susan Peggs, Talbot Hotel, Tesco, The Cliff House Hotel, The Company of Food, The Croke Park, The Marker Hotel, The Morgan Hotel, The Paint Store, The Shelbourne Hotel, Thorne Sarsfield, Thorntons, TLI Group, Tony & Guy, Today FM, Tom Whelan Butcher, Trump International Doonbeg, Tulfarris Golf Club, TV3, Unilever, Vienna Woods Hotel, Vit-Hit, Waterford Castle, Waterford Rotary, Wella, Westport Hotel Group, Westport Woods Hotel, Wineport Lodge, Woodlands Hotel, Zaragoza Restaurant.

## **Families & Friends**

We have so many families and individuals who make very generous donations to the Ronald McDonald House each year. Last year was no exception. A very sincere **Thank You** to everybody. Your generosity makes an enormous difference to so many families.

# *Planning for the Future*

## **The New Children's Hospital**

A New Children's Hospital will be built on the grounds of St James's Hospital in Dublin. The hospital will be built on a 6.3 hectare site on the campus of the south inner city hospital and will be finished by the end 2020

The development of the New Children's Hospital will be the biggest capital project during the lifetime of the current Government. It will merge the three children's hospitals - Temple Street, Crumlin (RMH) and Tallaght - at a single location. Minister for Health Simon Harris has said that the development



of the new children's hospital is a priority for him. "Bringing the three children's hospitals under one roof for the first time on a campus shared with St. James's so that children, young people, families and staff can avail of the facilities that they need and deserve, is a priority for me." At our Gala Ball in November 2015 then Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, thanked all our guests for their ongoing commitment to and support for The Ronald McDonald House in Ireland. He said that this wonderful facility, provided for families at no cost to the State, is very much appreciated by the Government and The Department of Health. He also said that those who generously support the work of the Charity have made an enormous contribution to healthcare in Ireland.

## **New Ronald McDonald House**

We opened the first Ronald McDonald House on the grounds of Our Lady's Children's Hospital in



November 2004. Within a year of opening we heard that a New National Children's Hospital was to be built in Dublin. With only 16 bedrooms in our House and a serious demand for rooms we opened an additional 4 rooms to provide for our families. With news of a New Hospital in a new location we have always been reluctant to expand until we received confirmation of the new hospital and the location. With the Government

commitment now confirmed and planning permission in place we are working closely with the New Hospital Development Board and working towards raising the €16 million in order to build a New 53 bedroom Ronald McDonald House alongside the new hospital. Exciting and challenging times ahead for The Ronald McDonald House Charity.

# ***Ronald McDonald House Charity***

## ***Fundraising Events 2017***



### **RMHC Annual Cycle**

**#Cycling4Families**

***1<sup>ST</sup> April 2017***



### **RMHC Golf Classic**

***15<sup>th</sup> June 2017***



### **RMHC National Walk**

**#Walking4Families**

***7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017***



### **RMHC Gala Ball**

***11<sup>th</sup> November 2017***



**For more information on any of these events please visit [www.rmhc.ie](http://www.rmhc.ie)**

#### **RMHC Ireland**

The Ronald McDonald House, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, Dublin 12

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*Registered Charity Number CHY12553*



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