



# WELCOME!

To The Ronald McDonald House Newsletter



## Hi, I'm ELLA.

I'm 16, from Roscommon and in 4th year in Secondary School. I've been in treatment in Crumlin hospital since April 2021 and during this time my family have been living in The Ronald McDonald House.

I'm busy in hospital a lot of the time but when I can I spend time in the House hanging out with my family and friends. The House has been so busy the last few months with so much going on.

I suppose my favourite memories over the last few months have been the fun days and nights in the House. We've had Summer barbecues, I got to go to the Harry Styles concert, we had big nights in (like the Love Island Finale Party we had in the sitting room) and of course our Virtual Bingo Night where I won €1,000 by pure chance thanks to The Balgriffin Inn!! I couldn't believe it!

I'm hoping to get home from hospital soon, but for the next few weeks in the House I'll be busy designing and painting my own bench for the back garden and also chatting to the New House team about what the teenager room in the New House could look like! How cool is that?

I hope you can take a few minutes out of your busy day to have a read of all of the things that have been happening around the House over the last while. 😊



What a night! ❤️  
The Harry Styles concert



Love Island Finale party on the new widescreen! ❤️



BINGO! My Dad & I won €1,000!

A visit from home, made possible by Cian's Kennels



# New House Updates



Our visit to The New Children's Hospital site

Things have been very busy behind the scenes of our New House project. It's been a long road and a lot of work from everyone involved, but we are thrilled to say that we have reached the end of the design stage of the project and are due to go out to tender in the new year.

Recently, we had the opportunity to visit the site and witness first-hand the progress at the New Children's Hospital. CEO Eilish Hardiman gave us the grand tour and I have to say it really is something to behold. It was first time being onsite and seeing in person you really are taken aback by the sheer scale of the hospital. It will no doubt serve our country and it's children for generations to come.

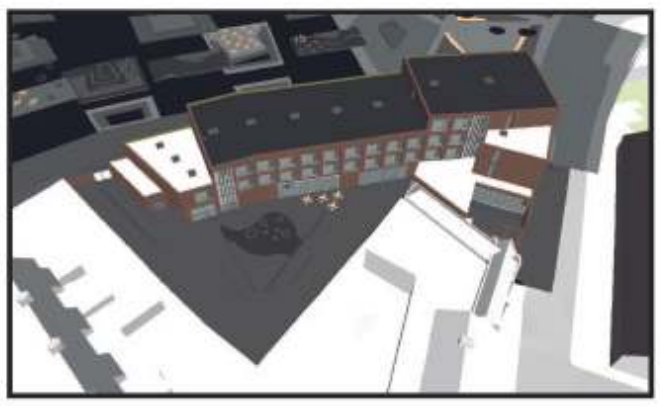
We also got to see our own New House site and I'm thrilled to say that we will be staying true to our motto of "keeping families close". Our House will stand on a prime site just steps away from the main entrance to the New Hospital. We literally could not be closer.

We've still a way to go but we're getting there day by day. Please let me share with you the most recent drawings we have so you can really imagine what's coming.

**Joe Kenny, CEO**



Architectural Drawings of The New 52 bedroom Ronald McDonald House



# House News

A few home improvements



Our House has served us and our families so well over the years, but in recent times we found that the living room and the back garden were in need of a little TLC.

Thanks to the generosity of the public in their response to our Wishlists, as well as some of our corporate friends, our living room and back garden have had a complete makeover!

Both areas look great and far more functional for families, but the main benefit we've seen is the quality family time and memories being made in the spaces. Barbecues, birthday parties, movie nights in and visits have been made so much better thanks to these revamped areas in the House.



Our revamped back garden



Our amazing refurbished sitting room!



Sharon Keogh  
House Operations Manager

Ned, Ted and Old Red



The creativity of our supporters never ceases to amaze me. One recent fundraiser that we just loved was "Ned, Ted and Old Red's Long Trip South". Coleman Cogan, pictured here with his buddies Ned and Ted, made the journey from Kilmovee, Mayo, all the way to The Clonakilty Horse Show, Cork, in aid of our House! Supporters along the way donated to this great adventure and raised over €5,000 for families staying in our House. What a great bunch of lads."



Joanne Pretsell  
Digital and Community Fundraising



When you think of corporate fundraising you might not always think "laugh a minute" but our House doesn't have your usual corporate fundraisers. Whether it's golf days, cooking for families or anything else, I have to say that our corporate fundraisers always bring the fun to their fundraising.

Recently our Wear Your Stripes Ambassadors had us belly laughing at their Lunch and Laughs event at The Well, St Stephen's Green. Hosted by Ruth Scott, a crowd of 150 people took the afternoon off work for a lunch in aid of our House. Sprinkled with performances from some of Ireland's wellknown comedians and a little magic, the afternoon raised a smashing €15,000 for families staying at our House.

Thanks so much to The Neon Agency & our Wear You Stripes our Ambassadors Emma Cassidy, John Tierney, Rob Cullen, Richard Boland, Phelim O'Hagan, Clare Cummins and Remi Kloos for getting out there and making it happen for our House.



Louise Quail  
Corporate Relationship Manager