



Summer Well Spent

Dear Friends,

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor the strength and resilience of children battling cancer and the families who stand beside them.

It is also a reminder that, even in the midst of crisis, moments of joy and togetherness matter. A family sharing a summer barbecue. A child laughing on a day trip to the zoo. Parents cheering at a basketball game without thinking about their next medical appointment. These moments may seem ordinary, but for the families we serve, they are extraordinary.

Your generosity helped create opportunities for families to step away from the demands of treatment and simply be together this summer. Whether celebrating the Fourth of July, kayaking on the Hudson, having a pool party, exploring New York City's parks and gardens, or enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime evening at Madison Square Garden,

these experiences provided something every child deserves: the chance to make memories that aren't defined by illness.

Because of you, Ronald McDonald House New York is more than a place to stay. It is a welcoming home where families can remain close to the care their child needs while finding comfort, compassion, and a sense of belonging. **Thank you for continuing to walk alongside these families and for making our mission possible every day of the year.**

With gratitude,

Lucretia Gilbert

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PRESIDENT & CEO



Your Impact at the House

January - August 2026



42,548

Meals distributed



9,550

Rides to and from
medical centers



9,060

Times children participated in fun
activities and enrichment programs



859

Different families stayed
at the House



**"The relationships you develop here are
the best value you take away."**

— Angelica's Dad

What a Real Superhero Looks Like

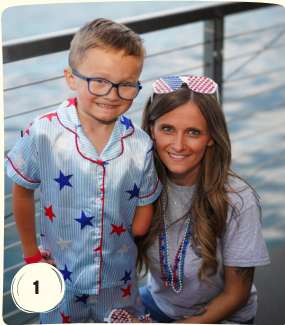
Nine-year-old **Angelica** has already faced more than most people do in a lifetime. She was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and began months of treatment far from home. While Angelica focused on getting better, her parents faced the overwhelming challenge of navigating hospital visits, housing, meals, and the emotional toll of caring for a seriously ill child.

Everything changed when the family arrived at our House. **What began as a place to sleep quickly became a place to call home.**

With comfortable accommodations, warm meals, family activities, and caring staff and volunteers, Angelica was able to experience moments of childhood while her parents received wraparound support. She made slime, celebrated holidays, cooked her favorite meal, and spent time with other children who understood what she was going through.

Today, Angelica's health continues to improve, and her family credits the House with giving them the stability and support they needed to focus on what mattered most: **being together.**

Summer Moments



- 1 Fourth of July Fireworks
- 2 Westchester Country Club
- 3 Hall of Science
- 4 Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
- 5 New York Aquarium
- 6 Rollerblading Trip
- 7 Fun on our Terrace



Your Impact Throughout NYC

January - August 2026



31,025
Family room visits



7,460
Healthy snacks and refreshments delivered



2,853
Fun and enriching activity packs distributed



An Unforgettable Night

As New York united over the historic Knicks playoff run, a special few families got a first-hand look into the action. Thanks to generous ticket donations, RMH-NY accompanied several families to Game 4 at Madison Square Garden. The Knicks clawed their way to victory from a halftime deficit, giving the crowd a nail-biting finish and our families a night they'll never forget.



Thank you to Garden of Dreams Foundation and the New York Knicks for the once-in-a-lifetime invitation. For those coveted minutes inside the Garden, the families were not burdened by hospital stresses. For one night, the only thing on the schedule was cheering, smiling, making memories together, and of course – a Knicks win!

Ribbon Cutting for our New Hospitality Cart

In July, we celebrated the opening of our newest Ronald McDonald House New York Hospitality Cart at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln. The opening of our newest hospitality cart further expands our mission to bring comfort and care directly to NYC families when and where they need it the most. Thank you to our partners at NYC Health + Hospitals for joining us in caring for families every step of the way.

Our staff and volunteers use the Hospitality Cart to bring nutritious snacks, fun activities, and moments of connection to hospitalized children and their family members.



More Ways to Make an Impact



“Ronald McDonald House is a blessing... The funds people give really do go a long way. They give families the confidence and ability to care for their children.”
– Angelica’s Father

Inspiring Legacies at RMH-NY

For decades, the art world knew Mary B. Moore as a distinguished scholar of Greek and Roman art. In the final years of her life, her compassion for families facing pediatric illness inspired her to leave a **transformational \$1.7 million legacy gift in her will** to support the families being served by Ronald McDonald House New York.

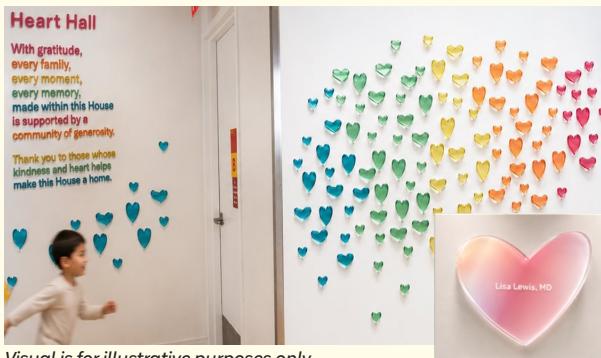
Mary’s generosity will continue to touch the lives of children and families for generations to come, ensuring they have a place to find comfort, hope, and support when they need it most.

This Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we invite you to consider your legacy. **Through our partner FreeWill, you can create a legally valid will at no cost in about 20 minutes.** If you choose, including a gift to Ronald McDonald House New York in your estate plans is a meaningful way to help families facing pediatric cancer for years to come.



Scan to learn more about Legacy Giving

Unveiling Heart Hall



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This fall, we will celebrate the opening of our newly renovated Community Floor, a vibrant gathering place where families can share meals, children can play, teens can connect, and caregivers can find moments of focus and renewal.

We are introducing **Heart Hall** to recognize those who invest in this special space. **Personalized hearts are available at \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000 levels**, creating a lasting tribute to your commitment to families facing pediatric illness. With a limited number of hearts available, we invite you to become part of the Heart of the House.



Ronald McDonald House
New York

If you would like more information about receiving a tour, purchasing a heart, including RMH-NY in your will, or if you have questions on how to support any of our initiatives, contact Development Manager, Kelsey Zeller, at kzeller@rmh-newyork.org or (646) 483-5181.



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