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RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**GRAND OPENING OF THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE® NEAR
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
DECEMBER 13, 2007**

About the Ronald McDonald House near University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital:

- The Ronald McDonald House originally opened its doors in Hyde Park on September 12, 1986. The two-story, 12-bedroom House was the second in Chicago.
- In 2004 in partnership with the University of Chicago Medical Center, the House relocated to a temporary location. On the site of the old house, the medical center built the state-of-the-art Comer Children's Emergency Room.
- In July of 2006, the charity broke ground for the new, larger House to provide even more families - from as far away as Japan and Dubai - a "home away from home."
- The 30,000 square foot House includes 22 bedrooms – all with private bathrooms. Fifteen of the bedrooms hold up to five people so siblings or grandparents can stay with the family.
- The state-of-the-art Victorian-style House also features a chapel for quiet reflection; age appropriate playrooms, including one for toddlers, one for teens and a computer room; and wireless internet throughout the House.
- During the last 21 years, the local House has welcomed more than 7,700 families from across the world, almost half of whom have stayed on multiple occasions, totaling almost 15,000 visits.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI):

- RMHC-CNI is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the health, well-being and education of children in its area.
- RMHC-CNI operates four Houses: near the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, near Children's Memorial Hospital, near Loyola University Medical Center and a fourth House under construction near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.
- The RMHC-CNI Scholarship program, awards 40 four-year college scholarships to area students who are academically talented but have little financial resources.
- The Ronald McDonald House Care Mobile® program takes medical care directly to underserved communities, providing thousands of free medical treatments.

About The University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital:

- In June of 2006, the charity and the hospital opened seven new rooms, located inside the hospital as an extension of the existing Ronald McDonald House. The rooms have provided added comfort for parents of critically ill children in particular those admitted to the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
- Opened in February 2005, the \$150-million facility, designed to be at the forefront of pediatric care, provides a state-of-the-art, family-focused environment for all in-patient pediatric services at the University of Chicago Medical Center.
- The 242,000-square-foot, 155-bed, seven-story hospital is home to nationally recognized programs in oncology/hematology, cardiology, neurology, neonatology, transplantation and other medical and surgical specialties.