

# Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Idaho, Inc. 2014 Facts and Figures

#### Mission Statement

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho operates the Idaho Ronald McDonald House® to provide a temporary home away from home for families of ill or injured children receiving treatment at Boise medical facilities. In addition, the Charity invests in community programs that promote the health and well being of children.

## Our Main Mission – The Idaho Ronald McDonald House *The House That Love Built*®

Since February 1, 1988, the family of any hospitalized child, 18 or under, whose permanent residence is outside of Ada County, has found a home away from home at the Idaho Ronald McDonald House. It's the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the healing of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night.

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. It can be a long time to be away, or to divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having their mom and dad close by for love and support.

Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at the Ronald McDonald House, parents can better communicate with their child's doctors and keep up with complicated treatment plans. They can focus on the health of their child, rather than grocery shopping, cleaning or cooking.

Providing these families with a safe, supportive, welcoming place to stay is the reason the Ronald McDonald House exists. The staff, volunteers and Board of Directors strive to provide beyond just the necessities. With the help of all the supporters of the House, families are provided with shelter, food, support and care.

Families at the Idaho Ronald McDonald House are asked for a \$10 donation per night, but are never turned away because of financial need. Most families pay nothing out of their own pocket to stay at the House. It is thanks to the generous support of the community, especially in a challenging economy, that the doors to this House remain open. The many contributions of time, talent and treasure given to the Idaho Ronald McDonald House help bring the mission to life.



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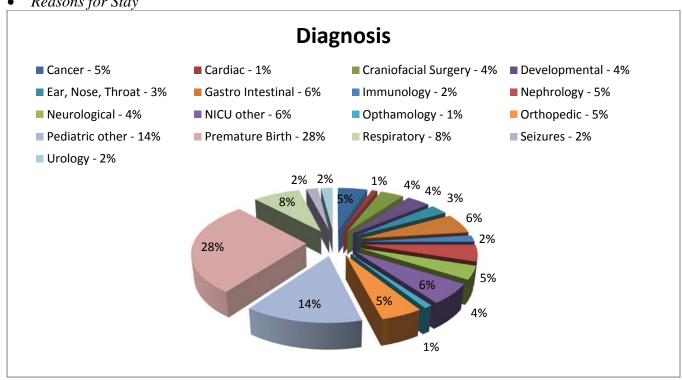


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#### 2014 Guest Figures

- Occupancy for year 73%
- Number of families housed
- Average length of stay 8 days

Reasons for Stay



Where families came from

Idaho: 79% (see county breakout below)

Oregon: 14% Nevada: 2%

Other (includes AK, CA, CO, IL, IN, MT, MI, MO, UT, WA, WY and England): 5%

**Location by Idaho County** 

Ada – 1%	Clearwater – 2%	Lincoln – 2%
Adams – 1%	Custer – 1%	Madison – 2%
Bannock – 1%	Elmore – 8%	Minidoka – 5%
Bingham – 1%	Fremont – 2%	Owyhee – 3%
Blaine – 4%	Gem – 2%	Payette – 4%
Boise – 1%	Gooding – 2%	Twin Falls – 22%
Bonneville – 5%	Jefferson – 6%	Valley – 1%
Canyon – 7%	Jerome – 7%	Washington – 2%
Cassia – 7%	Lemhi – 1%	

### The Rest of Our Mission - Reaching out into the Community

Outside the walls of the Ronald McDonald House, the mission of helping children continues locally and across the State.

#### Food Boxes:

Some families of pediatric patients at our partner hospitals stay at the bedside of the patient. Perhaps there are complications that make it necessary for them to be there at all times. The Ronald McDonald House may be full and they are waiting for an available room, or they may live close enough to drive home at the end of each day. We still provide care and support by delivering a food box so the family has nourishing and convenient snacks. In 2014 we were able to assist 78 families in this way, helping them to reduce financial burdens and spend more time with their child.

#### *Grant making:*

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho uses a matching grants program available through Ronald McDonald House Charities Global Office in Oak Brook, IL to help provide funding for programs that focus on the health and well being of children.

During 2013, over \$55,000 was placed into the canisters at McDonald's® restaurants throughout the State to benefit RMHC of Idaho. These proceeds along with matching funds from the RMHC Global Office helped Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho and other organizations that focus on children in 2014.

The current local grant focus is pediatric oral health care. Below is a list of organizations in Idaho that received a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities in 2014 to benefit more than 4,700 of Idaho's school age children.

Children's Free Dental Clinic in the Boise School District – Dental Equipment & Supplies

Central District Health Department - School Based Sealant Project

Family Health Services – *Oral Restorative Scholarship Program* 

Idaho State University – Diagnodent instrument and Isodry system for mobile dental unit

Southeastern Idaho Public Health – The Marsh Valley, Aberdeen and American Falls Smiles Projects

Terry Reilly Health Services – Dental handpieces for Boise, Nampa, Homedale and Middleton clinics