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Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlantic to unveil New House in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Welcoming Families on April 29th, 2025

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Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlantic (RMHC Atlantic) is thrilled to announce it will welcome families into a brand-new Ronald McDonald House® in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on April 29th, 2025. This new facility will offer families of sick children a comfortable and supportive home-away-from-home while they receive critical medical care.

The new House in Halifax marks a significant expansion of RMHC Atlantic's mission to provide Maritime families with the resources and support they need during challenging times. With an updated design and larger capacity, the new House is built to serve more than 1,400 families annually from across the Maritime region, providing a warm, welcoming environment for parents, children, and caregivers.

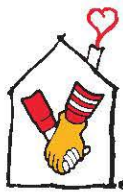
"We are incredibly excited to open the doors to the new Ronald McDonald House in Halifax," said Lori Barker, CEO of RMHC Atlantic. "This facility will make a profound difference for families who are facing some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Our goal is to ensure they can focus on the health and well-being of their family, knowing that they have a safe, caring place to stay, close to their ill or injured children."

The new House features 36 guest rooms, common areas for family support, an outdoor play area for children, and a variety of amenities designed to meet the needs of families in crisis. Families will also have access to a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facilities, and a range of resources to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

The House is set to become Gold Certified for Accessibility by the Rick Hansen Foundation, and will be the first net-zero-carbon Ronald McDonald House in the global system.

The Hood family, from Fredericton, New Brunswick, recently toured the new House amid the final stages of construction, having spent 40 nights at the original Ronald McDonald House in Halifax since 2023 with their daughter Hannah.

Hannah says, "After traveling to RMHC Atlantic for 2 years for my treatments, we've watched this new House go from a hole in the ground to the remarkable building it



is now. It will be a magical place where kids can feel safe, supported and close to their families while they get better. It will be a home full of hope, smiles and love!"

Since opening in 1982, the House in Halifax has supported more than 30,000 Maritime families, offering overnight stays, meals, and the comforts of home. The House in Halifax is one of two Ronald McDonald Houses in the Atlantic provinces—along with the Ronald McDonald House in Saint John's, NL, operated by RMHC Newfoundland & Labrador—and is one of 16 Houses across Canada.

RMHC Atlantic also offers support for families at two in-hospital facilities—their Ronald McDonald Family Rooms—located in the IWK Health Centre and The Moncton Hospital. In a typical year, RMHC Atlantic supports 2,200 families from across the Maritimes while they are treated at a nearby hospital.

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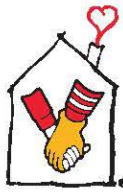
- For information about RMHC Atlantic and their services, visit: rmhcatlantic.ca.
- For renderings and a virtual tour of the new House, visit: moreroomforlove.ca.
- For more information about the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification, visit: rickhansen.com

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® Atlantic

RMHC Atlantic helps keep families close to each other and the care they need when they need it most. Their programs include Ronald McDonald House®, a home-away-from-home for families traveling with ill or injured children, and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms®, which provide families an oasis of calm and support inside the walls of the hospital.

Quick Facts:

- Today, one in four Canadian families have either stayed at a Ronald McDonald House or Ronald McDonald Family Room or knows someone who has.
- An RBC study reported that by adding 18 bedrooms to our Ronald McDonald House program, RMHC Atlantic will provide an incremental 4,336 nights of family comfort each year. This will save Atlantic families more than 2.6M in out-of-pocket expenses like accommodation and food each year.
- The same RBC study reported that a family of five saves approximately \$571 per-night by staying at Ronald McDonald House, or roughly \$17,000 a month for families with extended stays.



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