Around the House...

The 2nd Annual Hunt for the House presented by BELL Construction was a huge success.

iSuite and Icon Mechanical donated wish list items and adopted a room for 2026.

The Bass Family collected wish list items from their community in memory of their son Noah Bass.

The Jordan Hackett Foundation presented their 2026 proceeds for the Race for Jordan.

We celebrated our House turning 35 years old on July 13th with food trucks and family fun!

Our community partners at Valvoline hosted several volunteer days at the House!

Waylon and his parents got to go home after staying at the House for a little over a week!

HCA volunteered as part of their annual community day by doing house repairs and providing a meal for families!

Staff celebrated Kirra's 25th "workiversary" at the House by dressing up in their best Kirra outfit.

Addie, who stayed at the House in 2017, did her yearly visit to say hi to the staff!

Black House Bakery comes to our House once a month to provide delicious sweets for families!

Mark Your Calendars For Our 2026 Signature Events!

COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT! Join us as a sponsor, participant, committee member or volunteer for our 2026 signature events. Additionally, Ronald McDonald House Nashville is honored to be the beneficiary of community events organized by individuals, schools, businesses, and organizations. *

Saturday, September 19: We look forward to lacing up our shoes for the 16th Annual Hustle for the House 5k & Kathy Dungan 1-Mile Fun Run presented by Jackson! Join this family-friendly and dog-friendly community event benefiting Ronald McDonald House Nashville! Register at rmhcnashville.com/events/hustle-for-the-house

Monday, October 12: The 31st Annual Golf Ball Tournament will be held at The Governors Club. Golfers will enjoy a golfer gift, on course refreshments, as well as breakfast, lunch, a cocktail reception with dinner and a silent auction.

Friday, October 23: The 11th Annual Music City Sporting Clays Tournament in association with Kids and Clays Foundation presented by Jones Bros will be held at Nashville Gun Club. Registration includes ammunition, participant gift, lunch, and a cocktail-awards reception.

Upcoming events benefitting RMHC of Nashville*

The 12th Annual Pull for Kids Sporting Clay Shoot.
Friday, September 18: Hosted by Josie Mazzo Children's Charities will take place at the Nashville Gun Club. Learn more at https://josiemazzo.com/

The 17th Annual BBQ in Red Shoes.
Friday, September 25: Hosted by the Construction Leadership Council of the Associated General Contractors will take place at the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway. To sponsor or to purchase tickets visit https://bbqinredshoes.com/

***Note:** If you're interested in planning an event with RMHC of Nashville as the beneficiary, we'd love to hear from you! Give us a call or visit our website for details.

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House Notes

SUMMER 2026

We're All in This Together...

While many teenagers celebrate turning 16 with hopes of driving soon, Jackson celebrated with a parade on the hematology/oncology floor surrounded by doctors, nurses, and family as he recovered from a bone marrow transplant at TriStar Centennial Women's and Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

In the Fall of 2025, Jackson began losing weight and experiencing severe back pain. After emergency room visits, varying diagnoses, and weeks of uncertainty, Jackson was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma. While the diagnosis was devastating, it also brought a sense of relief, as they finally had some answers and a treatment plan.

Jackson's treatment included four rounds of chemotherapy, alternating one week inpatient with two weeks at home. Jackson said that "chemo was terrible, just all around terrible." He developed mucositis making it painful to eat, talk, and swallow. Yet despite the difficult months of treatment, chemotherapy was successful.

Jackson went into remission and the medical team recommended a bone marrow transplant, which would give Jackson the best chance for a full recovery. Each Rueter family member was tested and Jackson's brother Ethan was a perfect bone marrow match, which is the best-case scenario for a successful transplant. When the Rueter's learned Ethan was a perfect match for Jackson, Ethan initially had "mixed feelings." However, once the procedure was explained to him Ethan had no hesitation wanting to help his brother.

Transplant day was tough for everyone. While Ethan underwent the bone marrow retrieval, Jackson prepared to receive the cells. After the transplant, Jackson and his dad remained in the hospital for nearly a month before moving into an extended stay suite at the Nashville Ronald McDonald House. The Rueter family

stayed at the Ronald McDonald House for 59 nights while Jackson continued to recover and attend frequent clinic appointments.

For the Rueter's having a place to stay allowed them to focus on what mattered most. "We didn't have to worry about where to stay, hotel costs, or where to get food," Amanda, who is Jackson and Ethan's mom, said. "Everything was right there."

As difficult as it was to be the parent who was not staying at the House, Amanda found comfort knowing that her husband and son were cared for during his recovery. "It's wonderful to know that they are in a safe place, that they have what they need and that they are taken care of," she said. For Jackson and his dad, the suite was more than a place to stay. It felt like home, was comfortable, and allowed Jackson to rest and feel more like himself every day.

As the weeks passed, Jackson's confidence returned. He slowly became more inquisitive, learned to advocate for himself and realized his resiliency. "If I could survive yesterday, today's going to be a little bit better," he said. That perspective became his family's guiding light through recovery. Amanda reminded Jackson to focus on "doing the next right thing," rather than worrying about everything still ahead. Taking life one day at a time helped the Rueter's move forward.

Today, the Rueter family is back home in Knoxville and looking forward to life's simple moments; family dinners, game nights, movie nights, playing video games, and simply being together again. While Jackson's cancer changed their lives, it also strengthened their family forever.

Healing does not happen alone. It takes the love of family and having a place that feels like home and the Nashville Ronald McDonald House provided that home when the Rueter family needed it most.

Hustle for the House
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
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OUR HEARTS REMEMBER

FEBURARY 2026 – JULY 2026

Throughout the years, families come to us in search of hope and support when their child faces a medical crisis. For many, miracles happen, but for some, the journey ends. We remember them all as they remain a part of our history and forever in our hearts.

Evelyn Blair
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If you are interested in donating In Honor or In Memory of someone special, please visit our website: rmhcnashville.com and click the donate button near the top of the website.

Ronald McDonald House Nashville Welcomes Bobby George!

Bobby George has joined Ronald McDonald House as our Development Director, where he's proud to support families when they need it most. Bobby is originally from Southern California and moved to Nashville in 2021. He is a dad of three daughters and spends most of his time at gymnastics and soccer events cheering them on. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, hiking, pickleball, and leathercrafting. Bobby is thrilled to be joining Ronald McDonald House Nashville and is excited to be a part of this mission and team.

ADOPT A ROOM

Give families a place to call home by adopting one of our 33 standard bedrooms for a $5,500 annual sponsorship or one of our 3 extended-stay suites for a $7,500. While a child receives critical medical treatment at a Nashville-area hospital, your sponsored bedroom becomes a place of rest, comfort, and hope for families during one of life's hardest times.

As an Adopt A Room sponsor, your generosity provides more than just a room, it creates a welcoming home away from home where families can be close when it matters most. To learn more about becoming a sponsor and the recognition, visit rmhcnashville.com/adopt-a-room. Thank you for investing in our House, our families, and the moments of comfort that make all the difference.

We are grateful for our current Adopt A Room sponsors, including: ***Anonymous Donors, Beech High School DECA Club, Brumfield Foundation, Crew Anderson Denney Foundation, Dan & Sandy Cole, HCA Healthcare Foundation, Healthpeak Medical Office Properties, Hermoine & Glenn Nelson Foundation, In Memory of George & Maxine Bivins, In Memory of Jean Reese, iSuite / Icon Mechanical, Joseph and Dolores Wozniak, Joseph and Dolores Wozniak, Keller Williams Spring Hill, Tim and Holli Dilks, and Smyrna Rotary Club and Neil Orne.***

RMHC Nashville Hospital Comfort Closet

When a child is hospitalized, parents often spend long days by their bedside, leaving little time or money for meals, everyday essentials. You can help ease that burden by becoming a Hospital Comfort Closet Sponsor.

A gift of $400 provides one month of snacks, beverages, and comfort items for hundreds of families who visit the Hospital Comfort Closet each month at TriStar Centennial Women's and Children's Hospital! As a sponsor, you'll be recognized as the **Hospital Comfort Closet Sponsor of the Month** with signage displayed at the Comfort Closets.

The Hospital Comfort Closet brings the comfort of Ronald McDonald House Nashville directly to families who cannot leave the hospital, ensuring they have access to refreshments, activities, and small comforts during some of their most difficult days.

Support families at rmhcnashville.com/hospital-comfort-closet/

A Legacy That Keeps Families Close for Generations

For more than a decade, Don Williams has supported the Nashville Ronald McDonald House through the Nancy Vaughn Williams Endowment for Family Housing, created in honor of his late wife, Nancy. A committed volunteer at the House for more than 17 years, Nancy was a warm and welcoming presence for the many families who walked through our doors of the House. She dedicated herself to helping families feel supported and at "home" during one of life's most difficult journeys. Even while living with Parkinson's disease for 32 years, Nancy's passion for helping others was always a priority. Today, the endowment continues Nancy's legacy by helping underwrite the cost of providing families with a home-away-from-home while their child receives medical treatment. Through Don's ongoing generosity, the fund has ensured that families facing a child's medical crisis will always have a place to stay close to the care they need, today and for generations to come.

Legacy gifts like Don's create a lasting impact that extends beyond a single moment. With thoughtful planning and a generous heart, you can help provide comfort, and hope for families in the years to come. By including Ronald McDonald House Nashville in your planned giving through gifts such as donating stock or naming the House as a beneficiary of your will, retirement policy, or insurance policy, you can create a legacy that helps keep families close for generations.

For more information visit: https://rmhcnashville.com/

Join our Associate Board – *Make a Difference, Build Connections*

Are you passionate about supporting families experiencing one of the hardest times in their lives? Join the Ronald McDonald House of Nashville Associate Board! The Associate Board is a group of professionals who are passionate about making a difference for families with children receiving critical medical care. As a member, you'll have the opportunity to get involved with the House in meaningful ways while connecting with other leaders that are in our community. Associate Board members

can participate in volunteer opportunities, like preparing a meal, help plan two annual fundraisers. Pictured here, support fundraising and awareness efforts, and attend social and networking events throughout the year. It's a great way to build connections, give back, and help provide families with a place to stay when they need it most.

Whether you're new to Nashville, looking to get involved, or simply want to make a difference for families, we'd love to have you join us!

For more information visit: rmhcnahsville.com/associate-board/ or email: rmhcnashab@gmail.com

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ALL DAY Thursday, September 10th, 10% of all McDonald's in-app purchases made in the middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky area will go directly to support families staying at Ronald McDonald House Nashville!

So, whether you're grabbing breakfast, picking up lunch, or treating yourself to dinner, your order can help keep families close while their child receives critical medical care far from home. It's as easy as ordering your favorite meal!

What you can do now:

- **Download the McDonald's App and set a reminder for September 10th!**

On September 10th:

- **Place your breakfast, lunch, or dinner order through the McDonald's App**
- **Round-Up your purchase to the nearest dollar (also supporting families)**
- **Know that your meal is helping to provide a home-away-from-home for families with critically ill or injured children**

Every bite makes a difference. So, mark your calendar, grab your favorite McDonald's meal, and help keep families close on Thursday, September 10th!