

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY

# Adopt A Room

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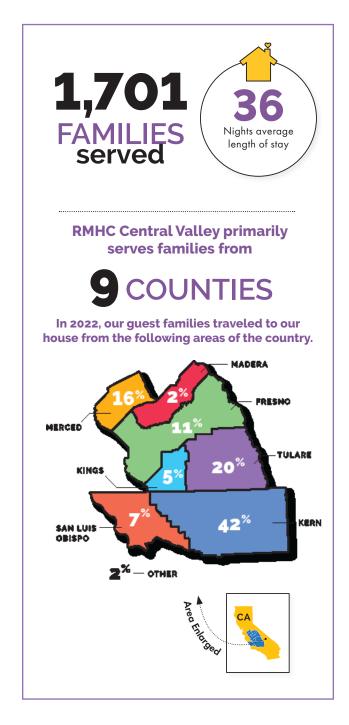
### Become A Part Of Our Home

By adopting a room, you are helping families during one of the most stressful times in their lives by easing the burden of a place to stay. You are giving them a place to come home to so they can concentrate on what's most important – the health of their child who is ill at Valley Children's Hospital.

#### Why We Need You

Without the Ronald McDonald House, it would cost a family over \$100 a day to be near their child. Families are asked for a \$15 donation but no one is ever turned away for their inability to pay. The truth is, most families can't afford a hotel for weeks or months-especially under the stress of mounting medical bills. We ease that burden by providing a comfortable room to rest, a home cooked meal, laundry facilities, a library with a computer and Wi-Fi, a family room, a playroom, beautiful outdoor grounds, a children's playground, and most importantly, a caring environment surrounded by people going through similar experiences.







### How You Can Help

The Adopt A Room Program is the very heartbeat of the House. With a single annual donation, a business or family becomes one of just 18 exclusive room sponsors. Your generous gift allows numerous families to stay with us completely free of charge, no matter how long their child is in the hospital.

#### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- » Donor name prominently displayed at RMHC.
- » Rights to use our logo on your website and publications.
- » Recognition on our website, newsletters, and annual reports.
- » Quarterly updates and notes from the families you've helped!



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Be the heartbeat that keeps our families going, and sponsor one of our 18 exclusive rooms today!

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#### **By Sponsoring A Room**

you will directly help families who have a child in the hospital. Your support helps underwrite the cost of their stay which enables us to serve all families, regardless of their ability to pay. Your sponsorship will provide life-changing support for a child battling illness. Your generosity will give parents and their children peace of mind during their darkest days.

#### **Your Sponsorship Provides**

families with all of the care, comfort and resources necessary to focus their energy and attention on their sick child. When families face a medical crisis, being together is a crucial part of the healing process. Without the House, families would spend nights sleeping in their child's room or even in a car as most families cannot afford a hotel room for weeks or months.

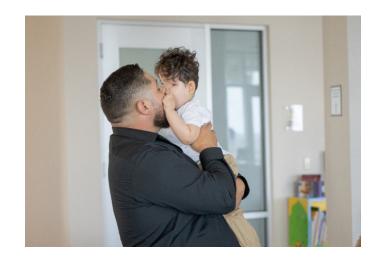
### Central Valley Family Stories

#### **A Letter from Angel's Mom**

Hello, my name is Nancy and my family is from Merced, California. We are so thankful that we were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley when our baby, Angel, was born prematurely with an extremely rare condition. From our first ultrasound, we were told that our son would be born with multiple issues that would affect his skull and face. Only one in every 35 million pregnancies have these specific conditions. The doctors did not know if he would make it past birth, or if the surgeries would help.

When Angel was born, his airway collapsed during birth, and he was quickly taken to the NICU at Valley Children's where he was intubated. During Angel's NICU stay, we were so fortunate to be able to stay near him at the Ronald McDonald House. We did not have to drive back and forth from Merced, and we could be right by Angel's side. Everyone at the House was so warm and so kind during these hard times for our family. Our son has had seven surgeries so far, with two more coming up soon. Our son is a fighter! He has a trach, which is an artificial airway which bypasses his vocal cord. He has a tube for feeding, a shunt for access to his veins, and he has had plastic surgery to repair his cleft lip.





Being able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House was simply amazing. We felt at home. We met the amazing staff, and we made lifelong friends. All of the families at the House shared something in common, that our children were staying at the Hospital. During our stay, we experienced such amazing volunteers coming to the house, donating food or making food for all the families at the House. We would all hang out in the kitchen, eat together, and enjoy each other's company when we were far from home and away from our families. The house was so warm, we really enjoyed our stay. We would like to thank all of the donors for everything they did for us. Our stay was blessed.

After two months, we were able to take Angel home. He has many follow up appointments and scheduled surgeries, but our son is simply amazing. He is strong, happy and has a huge will. He brightens our days and makes our lives better. We cherish all of his big and small accomplishments. He is a rare baby, and he will be in the medical books. Our son is a huge blessing. We are so thankful to everyone who makes the Ronald McDonald House what it is. Without the Ronald McDonald House, I don't know what we would have done. Being able to stay near Angel while he was in the hospital was a huge help during these stressful times for our family, and we are so grateful.

Thank you, Nancy

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These are the Community leaders stepping up to help families with resources and a "home away from home...





















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