

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE PROGRAM

The Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay provides a home-away-from-home for families of pediatric patients at area hospitals. Families located a distance from their child's bedside are eligible to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Our three Houses provide a safe and comfortable home-away-from-home with private bedrooms & baths, meals and stocked kitchens, laundry, recreational facilities, medical libraries and internet use. Although we ask only \$10 per night per family (actual costs are \$60 per night) no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay has three Houses, two in St. Petersburg and one in Tampa, offering 66 bedrooms with private baths. It is owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay, a non-profit Florida corporation whose board consists of representatives from the community, McDonald's, the medical profession and other interested individuals.

St. Pete "West" with 18 bedrooms opened in 1980. Adjacent to All Children's Hospital, it was the **first Ronald McDonald House in Florida**. Our 14-bedroom Tampa House, opened in 1992 on Davis Islands, serves families from Tampa General, St. Joseph's Children's and Shriners Hospitals. St. Pete "East", with 34 bedrooms, opened next to All Children's in 1996.

A fourth Ronald McDonald House will be built at the new All Children's Hospital campus in 2009. This 14-bedroom house will provide daytime rest and respite for weary families, and overnight accommodation for those who cannot leave their child's side for more than a few minutes.

Together, our "home-away-from-home" provided services to nearly 2,300 pediatric families last year. The supportive environment at each of our Houses, offered through dedicated volunteers, staff and other residents is one of the most valuable services we provide. Through comfort and care our families are strengthened to cope with their children's recovery from illness or injury. **Since opening our doors in 1980 we have served more than 32,000 families in their time of need.**



St. Pete West House
18 Bedrooms



St. Pete East House
34 Bedrooms



Tampa House
14 Bedrooms