



**Ronald McDonald
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of the Inland Northwest

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

The House has provided programs and partnerships aimed at improving the lives of children in the Inland Northwest.

SPOKANE, WA – Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Inland Northwest (RMHC INW) is celebrating its 35th anniversary beginning March of 2022. Since opening its original House in 1987, it now has three locations to provide a "Home-Away-From-Home" to 64 families each night in the Inland Northwest. The Houses provide the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, support and compassion, all while keeping families whose children are seriously ill or injured close to Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area hospitals.

RMHC INW has grown significantly in Spokane, most notably in March 2020 when the organization eliminated the chronic waitlist of families needing a place to stay with the addition of the North House across the street from the original House. The building includes 34 total rooms, 10 of those being long-term guest suites, full kitchens for families staying at the facility, laundry facilities, multiple entertainment and family gathering areas, play areas for children, and two levels of secure parking. The Spokane Family Campus expansion is complete and RMHC INW is now serving more families than ever before. As of January 2022, the Build Hope Give Love capital campaign has raised \$14.6 million, or 83% of its \$17.5 million goal. In 2022, RMHC INW is focused on expanding its outreach efforts and completing the \$2.9 million needed to fully fund the expansion.

"For 35 years, the Ronald McDonald House has provided a safe and welcoming place for families to stay when accessing the great area hospitals of the Inland Northwest. We are so grateful to grow with our Spokane community and incredible medical partners. We are so thankful to all the families, volunteers, staff, businesses, and donors in this community that have given us their support. We look forward to finishing our capital campaign, celebrating our 35th anniversary, and carrying out our mission." says Executive Director Phil Harrison

Throughout 2022, we will be celebrating our 35 years with events, sharing special memories, stories, and photos from the House's history through a series of emails and social media posts. Sign up to receive our emails and learn more about how you can celebrate with us or help us finish our capital campaign at <https://rmhcinlandnw.org/35years>

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Inland Northwest: Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest provides temporary lodging, social and emotional support, at no charge, for families of children accessing medical services. For more information or to donate, visit <https://rmhcinlandnw.org/>

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