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Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington steps in to provide respite for frontline medical professionals while continuing to care for seriously ill children and families.

For more than 35 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington (RMHC) has been on the front lines of providing services to families with seriously ill children traveling to receive care across the state. As Oregon responds to the global COVID-19 pandemic, RMHC has stepped in to provide the compassionate hospitality that they are known for to frontline medical workers here in Portland.

In partnership with Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU), RMHC has temporarily re-purposed the Rood Family Pavilion on Portland's South Waterfront making available 76 comfortable, clean rooms for frontline workers. These rooms are providing much-needed respite to medical professionals who are working long hours on the front lines and cannot return home out of fear of exposing their loved ones to COVID-19. RMHC is honored to temporarily welcome them into their new "home away from home."

RMHC remains committed to continuing to safely house and feed the seriously ill children and families that have made our four Ronald McDonald Houses their home across the state of Oregon. All families originally staying at the Rood Family Pavilion have been relocated to RMHC's second Portland facility located in Northeast Portland.

"As of today, in addition to housing and feeding nearly 100 pediatric patients and families members in three Ronald McDonald Houses, we are also enabling health care providers from across the region to step up, and step in, in unprecedented ways to keep us all safe. *I have never been more proud.*" States Jessica Jarratt Miller, CEO of RMHC of Oregon & SW Washington.

"I'm incredibly grateful to our partners and dedicated staff for so quickly and effectively pivoting to mobilize our resources for the greater good of the community." (Miller)

In the last two years, RMHC has experienced a 126% increase in demand for their programming and has offered comfort and support, home-cooked meals, and a comfortable bed to more than 35,000 families since opening in 1984.

You can make a difference right now by helping to ensure that that Ronald McDonald House Charities can continue to care for the most vulnerable of our community, be it medical professionals or families in crisis. Give now at [RMHCOregon.org](https://www.rmhc.org).

For more information about the work RMHC does to support the community and to stay up-to-date about their COVID-19 response, visit them online at [RMHCOregon.org](https://www.rmhc.org).

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South Waterfront House

3410 SW Bond Ave.
Portland, OR 97239

Bend House

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Bend, OR 97701

Springfield House

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Springfield, OR 97477