



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
South Australia



Each year, Ronald McDonald House Charities South Australia (RMHCSA) supports over 2,500 families with sick or injured children with practical, emotional, education and essential support programs.

With one in four regional families having to travel to metropolitan Adelaide to receive care for their sick or injured child, RMHCSA is designed to meet the holistic and diverse needs of the entire family facing childhood illness, including housing, meals, financial assistance, counselling, and educational and learning needs.



OUR IMPACT 2024

- RMHC SA provides free accommodation and essential support services to 20 families every night – **saving regional families an estimated \$2.6m per year** in costs associated with accommodation, car parking, and meals.
- For a lot of our families, the alternative to staying at RMHC SA is sleeping in chairs at their child's bedside, couch surfing, or sleeping in their cars.
- Unfortunately due to demand we had to turn away more than **200 regional families** last year.
- We covered the cost of an **additional 260 nights of urgent accommodation** at city hotels for regional families to cope with overflow demand.



- Through the House program, as well as bedside support programs, RMHC SA provides almost **1,000 meals each week**.
- We are the **only organisation that provides this service** to regional families visiting the Women's and Children's Hospital
- We not only provide a comfortable place for families to stay but also **offer various programs and essential services** to support them during their stay, like meal programs, transport, counselling, and education.
- **78% of the essential services we provide are funded through fundraising** and charitable and philanthropic donations



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OUR PROJECT

- With 1 in 4 regional families needing to travel to receive healthcare, **we are committed to addressing inequities.**
- We have been **at capacity** every night for almost two years, and in 2024 **turned away more than 200 regional families.**
- We aim to ensure as many families as possible can access the healthcare they need, and to **remove any financial barriers** that can stop a family being together during this time.
- In partnership with **Bella Build & Design**, we are **increasing our overall capacity from 20, to 25 rooms.** **Bella Build & Design** will be renovating a section of the original house at 271 Melbourne Street, to increase the capacity from 10-15 rooms, a 50% increase.
- Through the generosity of **Bella Build & Design** and their **Suppliers, Contractors and Customers**, they will be donating their time, resources and labour for the project. Without their generous support we would be unable to provide more support to families in need.
- The expansion will enable us to provide an **additional 140 families each year** with safe, free accommodation, and access to our essential support services.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are seeking donations to help us in our mission to expand the capacity of Ronald McDonald House Charities South Australia.

Increasing the number of rooms will allow us to support more regional families with a sick or injured child, who need to travel to Adelaide to receive medical care.

If you are interested in learning more about how you or your business can support us with a financial or in-kind donation, please contact -

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Thank you, for supporting our mission to keep more regional families together.

