



**Ronald McDonald House Charities®**  
North Central Florida

# 2017

## Ronald McDonald House

Since 1982, RMHC North Central Florida has been keeping families close to their seriously ill children. The Ronald McDonald House provides comfy beds, home-cooked meals and all the comforts of home to families traveling to Gainesville, FL to seek medical care for their child. Our House program is built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest.

**Total Family Nights Provided: 10,152**

Total Number of Families: 627

Average Length of Stay: 16.2 Days

Number of Rooms: 31

Suggested Donation: \$15 per night, but no one is ever turned away due to inability to donate

Actual Nightly Cost per Room: \$100

**Total Number of Families Turned Away: 492**

### Length of Stay

1–3 Days: 46%	15–29 Days: 12%
4–7 Days: 13%	30+ Days: 5%
8–14 Days: 13%	45+ Days: 12%

### Health Challenges Experienced by Patients

**Cardiac Issues: 21%**  
**Premature Birth: 20%**  
**Cancer: 11%**  
 Surgery: 6%  
 Pulmonary Issues: 4%  
 Accident: 3%  
 Various Other Diagnosis: 35%

## Ronald McDonald Family Room

Located on the 10th floor of UF Health Shands Children’s Hospital, the Ronald McDonald Family Room offers a special place for families to rest and regroup within the walls of the hospital. It provides a small oasis of calm and normalcy amidst the tense, medical setting – yet you are just steps away from your child’s bedside.

### Services for Families

- Open 7 days a week, including holidays
- Private Quiet Room for naps and relaxation
- Kitchenette with free snacks and drinks
- A team of friendly volunteers

**Total Visitors: 7,831**

Families Served: 1,152

Gainesville Visitors: 503

Lake City Visitors: 227

## Annual Budget

