



**CLEVELAND**

938

35,000

# Local History

- 9 Ronald McDonald House
- 1979
- Dr. Samuel Gross, Pediatric Oncologist
- Patient's families identified the need for a facility offering low-cost living

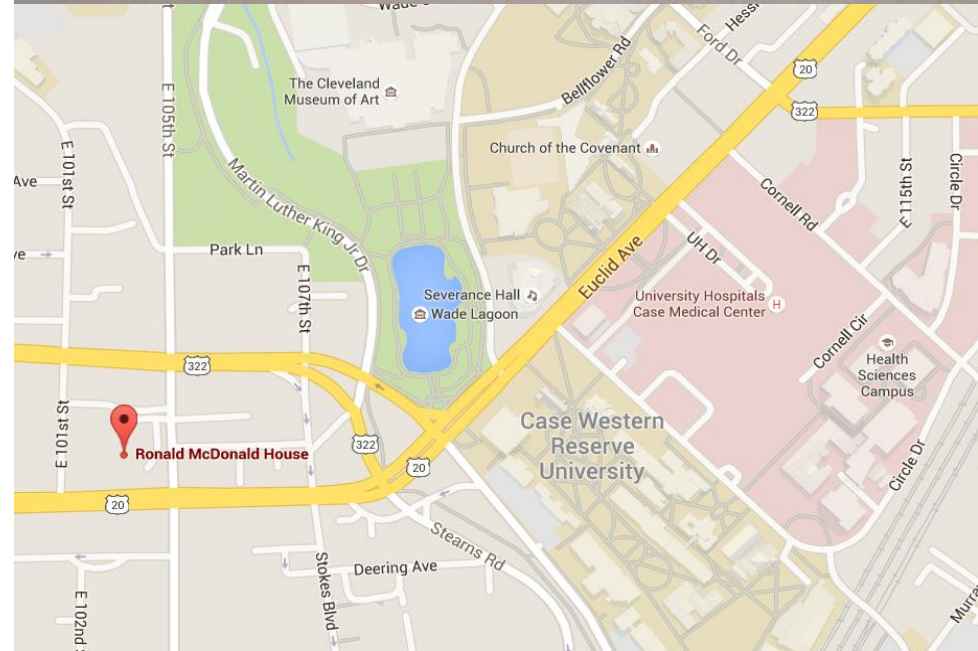
# Purpose

*“Ronald McDonald House® of Cleveland, Inc. supports families whose children receive treatment at area medical centers by providing a home-like environment and essential resources and services.”*

- Humanitarian and Social Services
- Affordable housing
- Families with medically challenged children who are being treated at local area hospitals
- Vision – To be recognized for excellence
- Caring, Inclusiveness, Quality, Innovation, Teamwork, Trust

# The House

- 55 Guest rooms
- Living areas
- Playing areas
- Laundry facilities
- 6 Fully equipped kitchens
- 2.5 Acres of gardens
- Asked for \$20/night
- Costs \$75/night



# Family Rooms

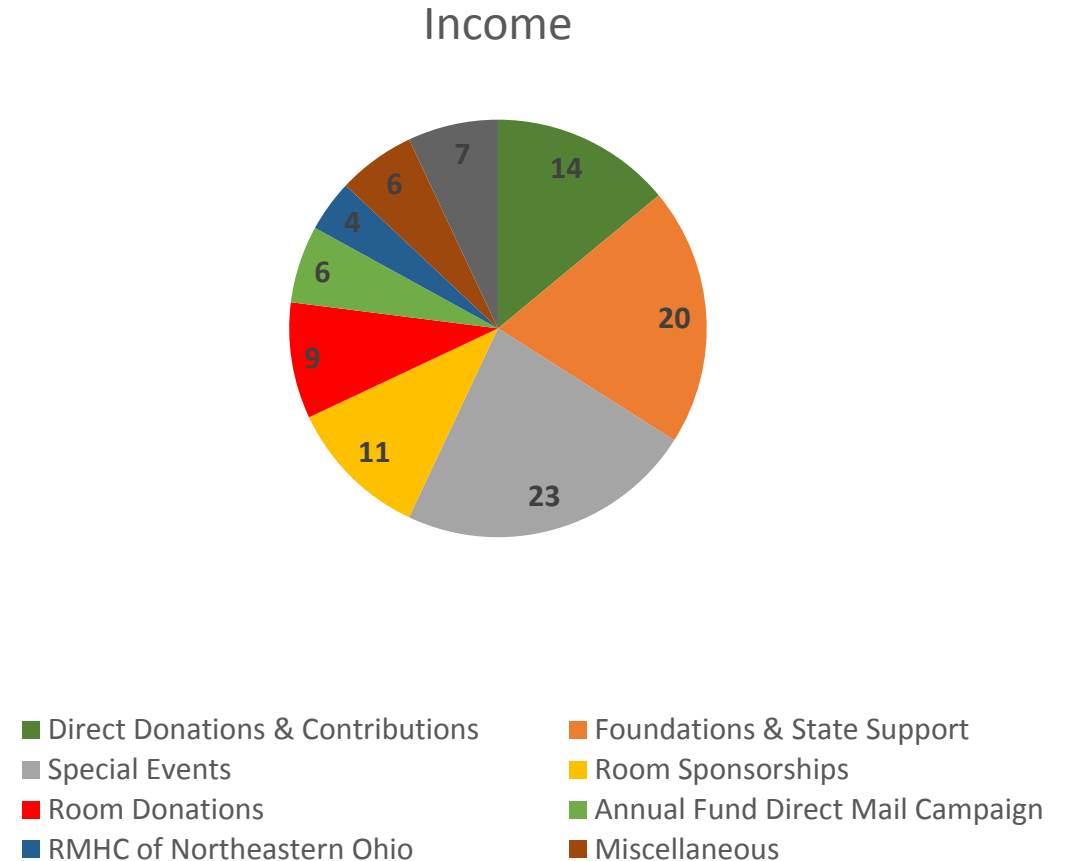
- Extension of the house into the hospitals; allows for escape from the hospital environment while still in the hospital
- Free use of kitchen with food, lounge, play area, computer, laundry room, and showers
- 4 Locations: Rainbow Babies (2006), Cleveland Clinic (2008), Fairview (2009), MetroHealth (2010)
- Only RMH in Ohio
- 75,000 Guests in 2014

**MetroHealth Family Room**



# About Operations

- Budget: \$2 million
- 11 full-time and 17 part-time staff
- Extremely reliant from general donations (>90%)







# What I Found Most Interesting

## **Start**

- Fred Hill, Philadelphia Eagle's tight end
- Sick child, leukemia
- Wanted to solve a problem: witnessed and experienced the stress that other families were going through
- Hill was able to gain McDonald's support
- Financed by McDonald's Shamrock Shake
- 1974 – First RMH opened in Philadelphia

# What I Found Most Interesting

- **Expansion**
  - Nonprofit
  - They are almost completely reliant off of donations
  - Free service
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- Yet, 8.46 new homes are opened every year on average
  - Why?
  - Because there is such a great need for these programs and services

# Would I Become Involved?

- **YES - They are a great organization**
- They are financially stable
- They are extremely honorable
- They are genuinely great people

I've actually volunteered at the place occasionally for almost a year.

- Yard Work
- Played so much Bingo