

2022 Annual Report



RMHC®
New Zealand



“None of this would be possible without the amazing support of everyone who donates to RMHC[®] New Zealand.

The support, awhi and generosity you all give to thousands of families each year is truly a blessing and one my family is hugely humbled by and so very grateful for.

Thank you from my family to you all.”

Megan Kareko, Family Mum

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Our Story

Over the last 32 years, RMHC® New Zealand and the generosity of our communities have provided a comforting haven for thousands of families through Ronald McDonald House® programmes in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

This support enables thousands of families to gather the strength needed to navigate one of the most challenging times of their lives.

Within hospital walls, our Ronald McDonald Family Room® Programmes in Invercargill, Christchurch and Auckland offer solace, giving unwell children and their families moments to recharge during their tough medical journey. In addition, our beautiful Family Retreats in Rotorua become a place of renewed hope.

None of this would be possible without our incredible community of partners, volunteers, and friends – your compassion fuels our mission. As we journey ahead, love is at the core of everything we do, embracing families with open hearts.

Thank you for being a part of the RMHC NZ village – together we can continue to create a place of hope for families in need.



A Note from the Chair



A Year of Resilience and Compassion

As we reflect on the past year, it fills me with pride to see the unwavering dedication of our community towards our mission. Our journey began 32 years ago when the first Ronald McDonald House® welcomed families in New Zealand. Since then, our commitment to supporting families with children in distant hospitals has remained steadfast.

The year 2022 presented its own set of challenges, marked by the ever-changing COVID alert levels, lockdowns, and then need for social distancing. Yet, through this turbulence, the fusion of the North and South Island RMHC into RMHC® New Zealand symbolised the strength of unity.

The response from our remarkable staff, volunteers, supporters, and partners ensured that families remained united while tending to their children's medical needs.

The demand for our services has never been more pronounced, evident in the 3,590 families who found solace under our roof in 2022. From stays lasting mere weeks to those spanning nearly a year, we estimate our efforts saved families \$5,986,684 solely in accommodation costs.

In addition, many family members discovered a haven of respite within the Ronald McDonald Family Room®. Nestled just steps away from high dependency units or paediatric intensive care, this space became a sanctuary of comfort. Our devoted volunteers contributed their time, selflessly serving as pillars of support for our staff and families.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our steadfast supporters, whose boundless generosity creates an immeasurable impact on our families. Your contributions ensure that these families can remain together during their times of greatest need. With your unwavering support, our Houses serve as havens, alleviating the practical, financial, and emotional burdens families face during their child's hospitalisation.

To my fellow trustees, your unwavering determination and diligent governance throughout the year have been truly commendable. The challenges we faced have only further highlighted the strength of our collective resolve. Your heartfelt perspectives continue to guide us toward a promising future.

To the incredible staff of RMHC New Zealand, led by our exceptional CEO, Wayne Howett. I am in awe of your commitment to our families. No eligible family was turned away, thanks to your tireless efforts. Each day, you provide a nurturing sanctuary; overflowing with compassion, care, and encouragement; making an undeniable difference in the lives of those who need it.

With thanks,

Mark Connelly,
Chair, RMHC New Zealand

A Message from the CEO



As we reflect on the year that was 2022, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I share the highlights of RMHC® New Zealand's journey.

2022 was marked by significant milestones and achievements that have further solidified our commitment to the families we serve and our vision of ensuring their well-being during challenging times.

One of the most notable accomplishments of the year was the successful merger of our South Island Trust with RMHC New Zealand. This strategic decision brought together the strengths, knowledge, and resources of both entities; amplifying our impact and extending our reach across the two beautiful islands of Aotearoa. This integration allowed us to pool our expertise and expand our support network, ultimately benefitting the children and families who rely on us for comfort and care.

Throughout 2022, our facilities across the nation welcomed nearly 3,600 families, providing them with a home-away-from-home while their children received crucial medical treatment.

Our efforts translated into nearly \$6 million in cost savings for these brave Kiwi children and their families, underscoring the profound impact of our services on their lives. The demand for our support continued to grow, reinforcing our dedication to exploring new avenues and opportunities for expansion, ensuring that we can offer families even greater choice and assistance in the years to come.

Undoubtedly, fundraising remains an essential pillar of our strategy, contributing around 25% of our annual revenue. However, the journey was far from easy, particularly due to the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite multiple cancellations of events over the past three years due to lockdowns and restrictions, we persevered and adapted. The flexibility and commitment demonstrated throughout the whole of RMHC New Zealand during these times, shows what lengths we are willing to go to ensure our vital services continue to reach those in need.

Every action we take is centred around the children we support and their families. Their stories inspire and fuel our determination to provide free accommodation, nourishing meals, and unwavering support to those who must travel far from home to care for their unwell children.

Our doors remain open 24/7, a testament to the generosity and kindness that emanates from our community. This is why it is essential to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers and staff, whose tireless efforts and selflessness contribute immeasurably to our cause.

In closing, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has played a role in making the achievements of the past year possible. The dedication, support and belief in our mission will propel RMHC New Zealand to new heights and we look forward to an extremely bright future as we continue to champion the well-being of the families who rely on us.

With Gratitude,

Wayne Howett
CEO, RMHC New Zealand

Dannehy Family – Rotorua



Neeti Masih had never heard about Ronald McDonald House® before her family faced an unexpected need for the facility.

Their 13-year-old son, Ashmit, required hospitalisation, prompting the family, which included Neeti's husband Danney and their 18-year-old daughter Osheen, to seek accommodation at the Ronald McDonald House® Grafton Mews House during early 2022.

Their journey began at The National Children's Hospital, where Neeti was introduced to RMHC® New Zealand due to Ashmit's medical needs. Living in Rotorua, they had to travel to Auckland for Ashmit's treatment.

Ashmit was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC), a condition that affects joint movement, causing curvatures and immobility. Alongside this, he dealt with scoliosis, sometimes relying on braces to aid his mobility.

In August of 2022, Ashmit underwent spinal surgery, requiring a recovery period of approximately three weeks in hospital.

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Neeti reflects on the apprehension they felt when informed about the two-week recovery process following Ashmit's surgery. "Our immediate concern was the cost of accommodation." However, their worries were alleviated when their nurse reached out to RMHC NZ, which was conveniently located within walking distance of the hospital.

The family found they were able to stay there and be close to support Ashmit while he recovered. Neeti expresses her surprise, stating "We were astounded to discover that these facilities existed for families like ours, and the best part was, it came at no cost!"

Currently, Ashmit's health is progressing positively at the Wilson Home Trust. Neeti acknowledges RMHC NZ as a lifesaver during their time of need. She marvels at the extent of support provided to them, emphasising the significance of seemingly small details such as fresh bedding and linen, bathroom essentials, and nourishing meals offered to the family.

Neeti acknowledges the multitude of concerns that come with travelling over 300 km for medical treatment. RMHC New Zealand provided them with a sanctuary to unwind, enabling them to focus on caring for their son. In closing, Neeti extends a massive heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in making this invaluable assistance possible. Without the generous support of Aotearoa, they wouldn't want to imagine what their experience would have been like.

Keeping Families Close™

Key Results

Ronald McDonald House® and Ronald McDonald Family Room® programmes take care of the practical things in life so that families can focus on their child staying in hospital away from home.

Our
165
rooms hosted



3,590
families



We provided

35,004

nights of
accommodation
(rooms)

Total amount of money saved for families by providing accommodation, meals and parking for families

\$5,985,684



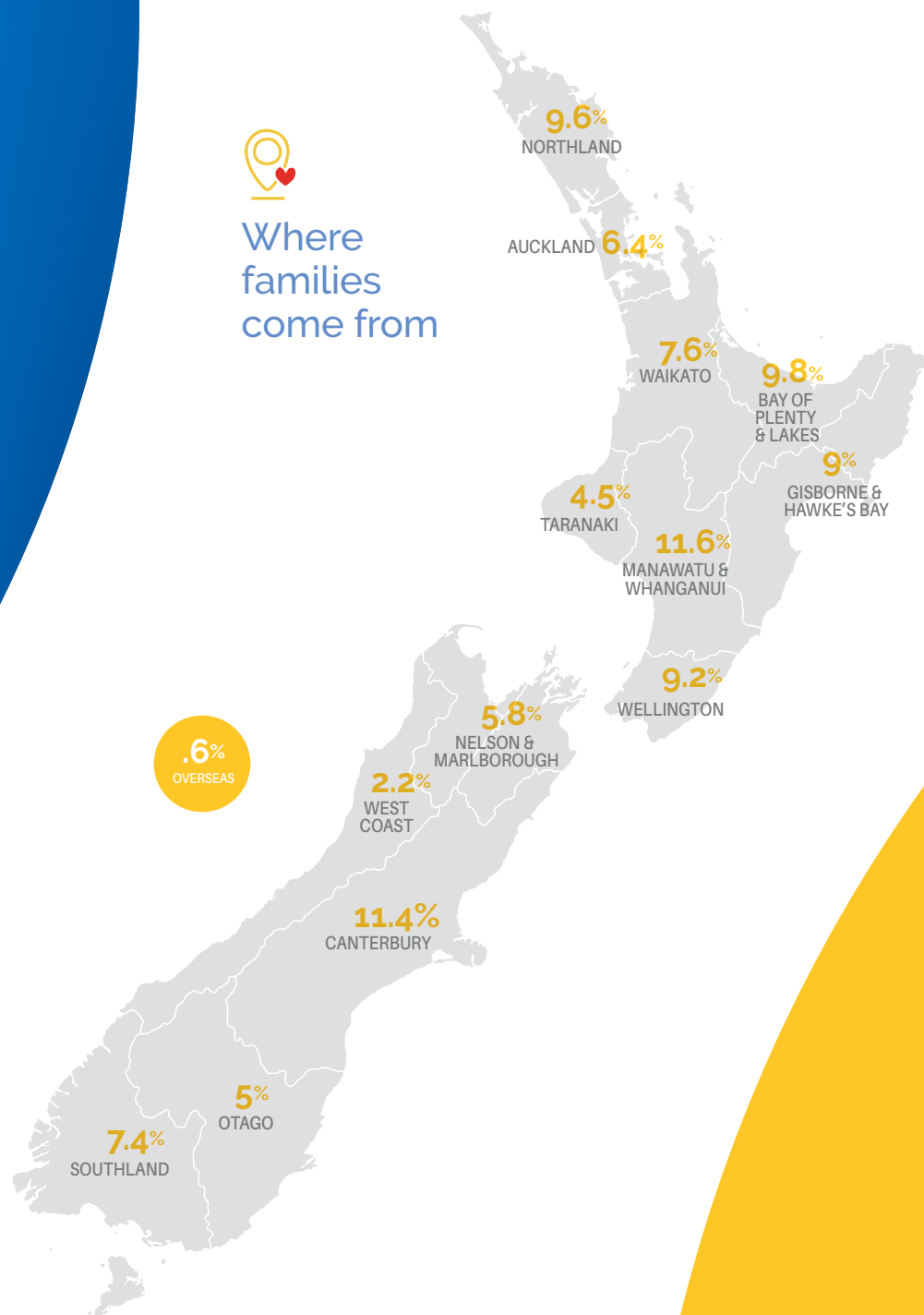
**This is based on the amount that it would cost a family if they couldn't stay at RMHC New Zealand which includes food, accommodation, parking, and laundry costs. This has been calculated at \$171 per night, per family.*



The average stay was **7** nights



Where families come from



Our most common diagnoses are:

- 6.5% Antenatal / Prenatal
- 15.1% Cardiac
- 2.6% Medical
- 19.7% Neonatal (NICU)
- 7.9% Neurology
- 18.7% Oncology
- 7.4% Surgical
- 5% Renal
- 6% Other
- 3.5% Respiratory
- 1.7% Psychological (CFU)
- 6% Unknown

These statistics are for Ronald McDonald House Charities® NZ programmes in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Invercargill.



Davies Family – Christchurch

Phoebe (Mum), David (Dad) and two-year-old Lachie lived in Christchurch where Phoebe was a partner in a law firm and 34 weeks pregnant, when Lachie suddenly became ill.

Although familiar with RMHC® New Zealand and the mission that it serves through her role at Wynn Williams, it was only when Phoebe's two-year-old son Lachie fell seriously ill that she truly grasped the significance of the organisation's role in families' lives.

In February 2022, Lachie had been unwell for about five days, suffering from a persistent fever and vomiting. Despite multiple visits to the doctor resulting in a vague "viral" diagnosis, Phoebe's decision to seek after-hours care on a Thursday evening proved pivotal. Lachie's condition rapidly worsened, and doctors swiftly diagnosed severe pneumonia, requiring immediate hospitalisation. Surgery became necessary as his left lung function deteriorated significantly.

"We really couldn't have survived what we went through without the kindness and generosity of Ronald McDonald House..."



Navigating the emotional whirlwind alongside the complexity of her 34-week pregnancy with Evelyn, David, consumed by work duties, joined Phoebe in facing Lachie's deteriorating health. Surgery led to the placement of a chest tube to address fluid build-up, but Lachie's post-anaesthesia breathing struggles led to an urgent ventilator connection.

In just 24 hours at the hospital, they found themselves in an unimaginable scenario, watching their son's life hang by a thread in intensive care. With only one parent allowed by Lachie's side, the Ronald McDonald Family Room within the hospital provided a solution, allowing David to be nearby, maintaining their unity during this harrowing time.

The subsequent weeks blended into a haze of alarms, medical interventions, and their son's fragile state. The haunting memory of Lachie struggling to breathe while medical professionals rushed in to resuscitate him remain vivid. Amidst this turmoil, having David nearby became Phoebe's lifeline. While witnessing their child's fight for survival was excruciating, David's presence bought comfort.

As Lachie's condition remained critical, medical consensus dictated his transfer to Auckland's National Children's Hospital by plane. His diagnosis expanded to include Strep and kidney failure, intensifying their concerns. Balancing childbirth, a new-born, and an ailing child in an unfamiliar city during a rampant pandemic felt overwhelming.

Their flight to Auckland on a Sunday morning marked a turning point, where RMHC New Zealand's support truly shone. From coordinating flights to providing accommodation, RMHC became a refuge in navigating the unknown. Consultations with specialists revealed the complexity of Lachie's condition, resulting in surgery for a dialysis tube installation, plunging them into an emotional rollercoaster.

Beyond just accommodation, RMHC New Zealand's support encompassed every aspect of their challenging journey. They arranged a wheelchair to ease Phoebe's discomfort and managed shift changes with David, providing hope during their trials. Connections with fellow families at the House highlighted the power of community in adversity.

Their stay in Auckland stretched over intense weeks with Lachie on life support. Upon returning to Christchurch, his recovery continued in the lead up to his second birthday, closely followed by the arrival of his sister, Evelyn. The memory of Lachie's near-tragedy remains, serving as a reminder of life's fragility.

Today, Lachie's lungs have fully healed, though his kidneys require annual monitoring due to residual damage. This experience left Phoebe with a profound gratitude for RMHC New Zealand.

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Being away from home during a harrowing time with a baby on the way would have been so much harder had we not had the House and the team supporting us there. Thank you so much for all that you do – I cannot emphasise enough how much it meant to us and how incredibly important the work you do is."

2022 Events

The Supper Club Christchurch

The Supper Club Christchurch hosted an unforgettable evening filled with surprise and excitement. Over two hundred and twenty guests were welcomed to the pre-dinner gathering, where they enjoyed champagne and canapés while mingling.

The night took an exhilarating turn with a live auction, followed by each table randomly drawing a mystery dining destination. From local gems to unique private chef experiences, the event beautifully showcased Christchurch's top dining destinations, creating a celebration of culinary excellence.

This event achieved remarkable success by raising a total of \$120,000. This achievement was made possible by some of the distinctive venues such as the Canterbury Museum, McKenzie and Willis, Archibalds Porsche, Beam Gallery, Central Art Gallery, and with the generous support of Alliance Farmers' Produce Kitchen as the major sponsor.



Red Shoe Ball

The spectacular Red Shoe Ball took place on November 9th, at Auckland's Shed 10, drawing a record attendance of 550 guests.

With Jackie Clarke as the charismatic MC and captivating performances by the Auckland Jazz Orchestra and Black Salt, the night was a fusion of elegance and entertainment.

Notably, the event's impact was equally impressive, raising funds equivalent to over 1,400 nights of accommodation. The 2022 Red Shoe Ball showcased the synergy of art, community, and generosity, leaving attendees inspired and moved.



A Day at the Polo

On December 3rd, a picturesque scene unfolded at the Port Hills Polo Club in Tai Tapu. Guests congregated beneath a breathtaking garden marquee for the highly anticipated event, A Day at the Polo was proudly sponsored by Miles Toyota.

The occasion was nothing short of sensational, with a sold-out crowd in attendance. The day's festivities not only encompassed the thrill of the polo matches, but also exemplified a significant philanthropic achievement.

The event raised over \$200,000; a testament to the collective generosity and support on display. The convergence of elegance, sport, and charitable endeavour made the day a truly memorable and impactful experience.



RED
SHOE
BALL®

2022 Highlights / Campaigns

House to House
2022 (March – April)



An Outstanding
94,079km
Covered

A Huge
\$203,932
Raised

Providing over
1,170 nights
of accommodation raised
to support families with a
child in hospital.

House to House 2022 (March – April)

A huge thank you to our amazing community of House to House fundraisers who made March and April months to remember!

We challenged our supporters to make a difference on the move by walking, running, biking or swimming 210 km while raising \$210 to support families with a child in hospital, and did they rise to the challenge!

Every single participant brought their A game, be it a simple walk around the block or a serious 4,000 km bike tour. We were pleasantly surprised by some of the creative fundraising ideas of our participants, especially Shaun Baker's boat tours. We are grateful for each and every single person who tried during a time we were in and out of Covid lockdowns.

Let's take a moment to celebrate our top five individual and team fundraisers who went above and beyond, showcasing incredible spirit, generosity and rallying their loved ones and local community for support during the campaign. Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to you all.



Annual Appeal PJ Day (June)

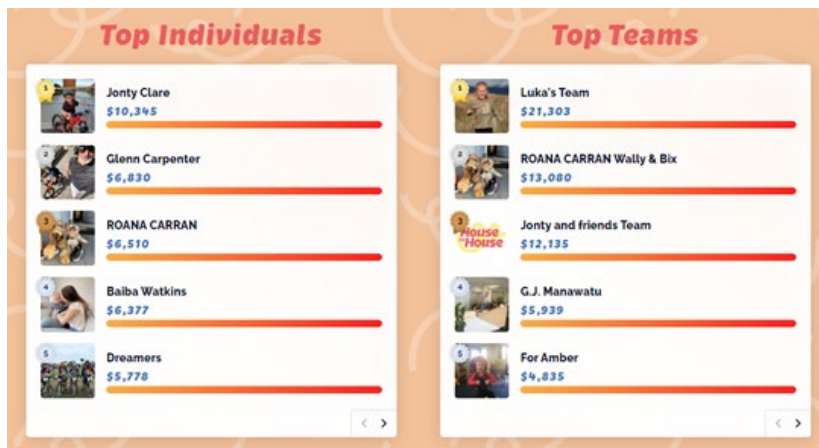
2022 saw RMHC® New Zealand embrace the captivating "Night Knights" theme, featuring a heart-warming PJ Day initiative.

The event was a testament to the Night Knights' mission of honouring unsung heroes – compassionate individuals whose generosity illuminates the lives of families facing daunting nights at the Ronald McDonald House® programmes across New Zealand.

Participants were encouraged to rally their friends, family, and colleagues, inviting them to become valiant knights donning pyjama armour, all in support of a noble cause. Schools and businesses throughout Aotearoa united in solidarity, stepping out in the morning donning cosy bedtime attire.

This heartening campaign not only underscored the vital role of collective efforts, but also showcased the boundless impact that a community driven by empathy and shared purpose can achieve.

We had a huge number of supporters, online and out in the community, all rallying to support RMHC NZ. We hope to grow the following of this Annual Appeal and continue to celebrate Pyjama Day on an annual basis.



Give Families a Moment of Christmas Magic



Christmas Campaign (December)

2022 marked the first national Christmas campaign for RMHC® New Zealand. It was a celebration of all the beautiful moments families share when they stay at a Ronald McDonald House® or Family Room® programme. Our generous community of supporters rallied together to give families staying at RMHC NZ over Christmas, moments to cherish through their heartfelt contributions.

By gifting a Christmas package, our amazing corporate supporters provided families with a wreath to hang on their door at RMHC NZ, presents to open on Christmas morning, a Christmas feast to share together, and much needed accommodation.

Being away from home at Christmas can be a challenging time. That's why we wanted to give families staying at RMHC NZ during the festive season an extra special Christmas.



A Moment to Share a Hug



McHappy Day (October)

New Zealand experienced their first ever McHappy Day in 2022 and what a campaign it was!

McDonald's crew, franchisees, and the local community rallied together to support RMHC New Zealand by purchasing a \$1 McHappy Day sticker to fill the House with love during the 10-day in-store campaign. Getting into the community spirit, restaurants put on face painting, colouring corners, raffles and balloon garlands (to name a few), bringing joy and excitement to customers.

Special mention goes to the team at MoreFM, who visited a handful of restaurants across the country with fun games and awesome prizes to be won. Jay-Jay and Flynny met the Hollran family and heard first-hand how the support from McHappy Day impacted families like theirs.

To top things off, give back with a Big Mac launched on the 29th October. \$1 from every Big Mac purchased was donated to RMHC New Zealand and overall, the campaign raised an outstanding \$270,000!

A massive thank you to McDonald's and to everyone who supported RMHC NZ during the campaign! We're lovin it and excited to celebrate McHappy Day with you again in 2023.

"Thank you so much to the Ronald McDonald House team – and for all the people who support and donate to them.

We honestly wouldn't be able to do this journey without them." -
Awhi Hollran, House Mum (The Hollran Family - Te Awamutu - RMHC New Zealand)

A Heartfelt Thanks to some of Our Partners...

We can't run great campaigns without great partners. Their unwavering support and collaboration are the driving forces behind our successful campaigns, reminding us that exceptional achievements are born from exceptional partnerships.

We recognise that our impactful work is made possible only through the invaluable contributions of these remarkable allies who share in our vision and commitment.



In 2022, Crown Worldwide embarked on its first full year of national partnership with RMHC New Zealand, marking a significant milestone in their commitment to giving back to the community. Leon Hulme, Managing Director at Crown Worldwide Group, shared, "I visited the charity and was blown away by the great work being done and felt compelled to support due to the necessity of the place." This personal connection motivated Crown Worldwide's involvement.

Crown Worldwide Group's support extended to room sponsorships in Auckland and Wellington and even included funding for a billboard on their site, illustrating their dedication to the cause. When asked about the benefits of the partnership, Leon stated, "Through the brand's exposure, it's proof of our values; a tangible example to our people and those that might be considering joining us that we are a good company, so it supports staff engagement, retention and helps us attract the best.

To our customers, I hope they choose Crown because they believe they will get the best service, but also think we are the kind of company they want to spend their money with."

Reflecting on their relationship, Leon emphasised the value RMHC NZ places on their partnership and expressed Crown's delight in supporting children and families in need. This commitment was evident through their participation in events like PJ Day and the Christmas Campaign, further strengthening the bond between Crown Worldwide Group and RMHC NZ.

As Crown Worldwide continues to make a meaningful impact, their partnership with RMHC New Zealand stands as a testament to their dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of children and families. A massive thank you to our friends at Crown Worldwide!

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Leon Hulme
Managing Director
Crown Worldwide Group



For 14 years, the Ray White family has been an unwavering Premier Partner and essential pillar of support for RMHC New Zealand. Their remarkable generosity shines through financial contributions, in-kind assistance, and engaging fundraising events, enabling RMHC NZ to provide care and aid to numerous families.

Ray White New Zealand's commitment goes beyond financial donations, with their local communities supporting initiatives such as golf days, fashion shows, auctioneering, and even cooking at RMHC NZ Houses.

The heart-warming 'A Little Ray of Giving' campaign, initiated in 2012, exemplifies their dedication as they rally communities to gather Christmas presents for families with hospitalised children.

The nationwide impact of Ray White's partnership is evident in their contributions to dinner programmes in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, bolstering RMHC New Zealand's national awareness and fostering goodwill.



The collaborative efforts extend to successful fundraisers such as Golf Days and raffles, affirming their integral role in supporting RMHC's vital endeavours.

With heartfelt gratitude, RMHC extends profound appreciation to Ray White for all their help and encouragement. Thanks Ray White!





In 2022, McDonald's® Restaurants (New Zealand) Ltd continued to demonstrate their unwavering commitment as a Mission Partner, providing exceptional support that culminated in a remarkable contribution of nearly \$2 million.

Their engagement extended across various impactful initiatives, such as the inspiring McHappy Day campaign, their heart-warming PJ Day support, and the successful Golf Days, Supper Clubs, and Red Shoe Ball events.

Since the inception of the first Ronald McDonald House®, the collective efforts of McDonald's franchisees, dedicated crew, generous suppliers, and loyal customers have been instrumental in offering stability and solace to families across New Zealand.

RMHC New Zealand wholeheartedly expresses gratitude for this collaboration that made an immeasurable difference in the lives of families in 2022. Thanks McDonald's New Zealand!





Community Trust South



TE POU ARATAKI POUNAMU O MURIHIKU

"It has been a privilege for Community Trust South to support whānau in our region to have a place to rest and recharge at Ronald McDonald House.

It is so important for family to be close to support those undergoing treatment and we recognise the valuable care which Ronald McDonald House provide."



Room Sponsors

We want to say a big thank you to all the businesses, organisations, trusts and individuals who have generously sponsored a room.

The Sponsor a Room programme is vital in providing a 'home-away-from-home' for families. This initiative helps us to maintain comfortable and beautifully furnished bedrooms and bathrooms and provide other home comforts for our families.

Active Refrigeration
Alliance
Alpha Rail
Alsco
Arthur Wheeler Leedstown Trust
Bill and Helen Bishop
Blackwells
C3 .Construction Ltd
Carey Smith Trust (RW)
China Southern Airlines
Corcoran French
CoreLogic
Crown WW
Furuno Fishing Club
G.J. Gardner Homes
Whangarei/ Kaipara & Rodney East
Greenaways Ltd
Henry Schein
Hilti NZ Ltd
HRS
Jordan and Talia Green
Kaiser Brew Garden
Kate Wilton (Longford Trust)
Kellie Montgomerie and The Fat Farmer
Lions Club of Mana
Lions Club of Silverstream
Little Fighters Trust
Longford Trust
Marsh Family Charitable Trust
Marty Wilson
McDonald's Hutt Valley
McDonald's Northland
McDonalds Dunedin Ambassadors
Mercury
Papanui High School
Pfizer New Zealand
Rawlinsons
Rochelle McLaren
Rodmor Charitable Trust (TBC)
Sam Maharaj
SBS Bank
Smart Sparks Electrical
TanYesh Patel
The Jones Foundation
TNZI
Warner Fencing & Gates
Wendy Gillespie
Westham Industries Ltd
Westland Milk Products

Donors and sponsors for 2022 (donated more than 10k)

Trust Tairawhiti

David Levene Foundation

Franco Luporini

Mercury Ltd

Westland Milk Products

Phillip Verry Charitable Foundation

Arthur Wheeler Leedstown Trust

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PACT Group NZ

Pub Charity Limited Grant

Wellington Fuchsia Society

Emma Sievwright

The Lion Foundation

C3 Construction Ltd

NZ Lottery Grants Board

Marsh Family Charitable Trust

Community Trust of Mid and South
Canterbury

Josh Linton

One Foundation Limited

Four Winds Foundation Limited

Mark Drake

Wendy Gillespie

Central Lakes Trust

Financial Summary

2022 Consolidated RMHC NZ & RMH SI Results

Total Funds Received	\$10,313,541
Total Funds Spent	\$14,099,087
Net Deficit	(\$3,785,545)

Income 2022	\$'000s
Corporate Giving	2,712
Grants	508
Individual Giving	1,403
Events	1,471
Ministry of Health Subsidies	2,930
In Kind	1,613
Other	(323)
Total	10,314

Outgoings 2022	\$'000s
Programme Support	7,765
Fundraising	2,075
Facility Maintenance	2,794
In Kind	1,465
Total	14,099

Note: Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand Trust acquired The RMH South Island Trust on 1 July 2022. The above financials are the consolidated results of Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand Trust (Jan – Dec 2022) and The RMH South Island Trust (Jan – Jun 2022). Please visit the Charities Commission website to view our 2022 statutory accounts.

Our Trustees

Mark Conelly

Chair

Mark has held several senior finance positions, including CFO at several large NZ retailers. He has 30 years' experience in governance roles within the not-for-profit sector (including CanTeen and the Child Cancer Foundation – he was recognised with Life Membership awards for both). He is an Independent Director and Chair for several commercial entities and is the Chair of the largest independent school in NZ.

Mark also provides CFO services to a range of businesses, including currently acting as Interim CFO for Trademe Limited. Mark is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ and a Chartered Member of the NZ Institute of Directors.

Ben Rose

A proud father of three, Ben has experienced first-hand the difference being close by a hospital can make to both the patient and broader family. Ben founded and runs Australasian sales growth consultancy, The Growery. An experienced marketing and sales executive, Ben's career has seen him driving the brand and growth strategy for many brands, including Tourism New Zealand, ASB, Adidas, and Nissan.

A previous sponsor/partner of RMHC New Zealand, Ben is delighted to contribute to the mission of the organisation.

Malcolm Swan

Malcolm (Mal) Swan is General Counsel for McDonald's Restaurants NZ and has held many senior legal roles within large corporations and law firms over the past 20 years. Mal is a current chair of the Advertising Standards Codes Committee and is a past school trustee and PTA Board member.

Mal is committed to providing better outcomes for children and is actively involved in junior soccer and basketball.

Rosemary Escott

Rosemary is the Nurse Manager at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wellington Hospital. As well as managing a 40-bed Intensive Care Unit, her role involves overseeing neonatal surgery, an active transport team, and education.

She is a member of several national reviews and reference groups for neonatal services. In addition to her clinical roles, she has held a variety of roles in community groups and charities, including chairperson for a private kindergarten.

Ata Te Kanawa

Ata Te Kanawa is a Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor in the Māori Economic Development Unit of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

She is the founder of Miromoda – The Indigenous Māori Fashion Apparel Board and the former independent publisher of Tu Mai magazine and Chair of her whānau trust. Ata is actively involved in the wider Māori community and committed to fostering iwi engagement with RMHC New Zealand.

Sam Maharaj

Sam owns and operates several McDonald's franchises in Auckland with his wife Angela. His company, Maharaj Corporation Ltd, has received the prestigious Golden Arch Award for the top 1% performing franchisees globally as well as Franchisee of the Year award. Sam supports a number of community groups and youth sports teams, and is a former Chairman of the McDonald's Franchisee Group.

Scott Brown

Scott has held several senior strategy and finance roles across the food and agribusiness, media, energy and telecommunications sectors over the last 20 years.

Scott is delighted to support the RMHC New Zealand mission of supporting New Zealand families when their child is in hospital. Scott is also a Chartered Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ and a Chartered Member of the NZ Institute of Directors.

Dr Liza Edmonds

Liza is a Māori Neonatal Paediatrician and Senior Clinical Lecturer at Kōhatu Center for Hauora Māori and Dunedin School of Medicine at the University of Otago. Clinically she works for Te Whatu Ora Southern in Dunedin.

Liza has worked in roles within the Southern rōhe, including clinical Neonatology, General Paediatrics and research in perinatal health and wellbeing. She is the mother of three teenagers and married to a tāne from Oamaru and enjoys being part of her wider whānau and community.

Liza passionately cares for whānau with health needs and supports RMHC New Zealand in their efforts to support whānau during their health care journeys, no matter where they come from.

Get Involved

The essential service we provide to families would not be possible without the generosity of our partners, donors and supporters. Every night you support over 100 families who need to stay with us while their child is in hospital away from home. Thank you for supporting RMHC New Zealand!

Donate



Volunteer



Participate

