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Ronald McDonald House of Akron's Newsletter to Friends

Ronald McDonald House:

Celebrating 25 Years

On January 13, 2010, the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Akron celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a birthday party attended by 100 friends and volunteers.

The celebration included cake, hors d'oeuvres, and a collage of memories from the past 25 years.

There was a short presentation by two people who were instrumental in getting the House built: John Shaffer and Bill Considine.

John Shaffer, the first president of the House's Board, spoke about the triangle that got the House built: Akron Children's Hospital, the McDonald's restaurant owner/operators, and the parents. These three forces came together to realize a Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Children's Hospital.

The Hospital

Bill Considine, president and CEO of Akron Children's Hospital, began his tenure at the hospital on November 1, 1979. Almost immediately, he identified a need on the part of the parents of sick children—overnight accommodations close to their children. During the time that solutions to this problem were being explored, the Ronald McDonald

House movement, which had begun in Philadelphia in 1974, was getting underway. After visiting a few Ronald McDonald sites, in the words of Mr. Considine, "...we were convinced the Ronald McDonald House was the best alternative for us to pursue and the parents that we involved in the evaluation agreed."

Once a Ronald McDonald House was settled upon, the hard work began. Children's Hospital acquired the property for the future site of the Akron House, demolished the two existing buildings on the property, and began site preparation.

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Bill Considine



The Development Office, under the direction of Mr. Donald Shook, took on the enormous task of organizing and running a community-wide campaign. To say the hospital's efforts to build the House were huge would be an understatement. They identified families who could be part of the initial team. They sponsored trips to visit other houses. They paid \$400,000 for the property acquisition and site preparation mentioned above. The Women's Board of the hospital made the first pledge, of \$250,000, to the development of the House. And they organized Children's Family Care, Inc. (CFC).

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The CFC began as a group of families and civic leaders assembled by the hospital who were strong advocates for the Ronald McDonald House. Via discussions among those families, the hospital, and the McDonald restaurants' owner/operators, the CFC was born with the sole purpose of providing a home for the families using Akron Children's Hospital's services.



Cindy Misbeff, John Shaffer and William Considine at 25th anniversary party.

The hospital provided support as a donor as well during the campaign.

As Bill Considine says, "Reflecting on the whole process, it was magical. At every turn, people had a "can do" attitude and the positive energy and family stories were inspirational. The community responded to that inspiration by having Mr. Jerry O'Neil and Mr. Bob Mercer chair our community-wide campaign, which successfully raised \$2 million for the House with the hospital being the biggest donor."

Due to the leadership of the hospital and the foresight of the two chairmen, the money raised allowed the RMH of Akron to be built debt-free and with a sizable endowment.

The McDonald's Restaurant Owner/Operators

The Ronald McDonald House concept began in 1973 when the seven-year-old daughter of Philadelphia Eagles football player Fred Hill was being treated for leukemia at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

In a joint effort between Hill, his teammates, and local McDonald's restaurants, money was raised to purchase and renovate a home near the hospital to provide support for the families of children at the hospital.

The House was given the name "Ronald McDonald House" not only because of the support of the local restaurants but because of the hopeful, fun-loving image of Ronald McDonald.

In 1983, the Northeast Ohio region was in the unique position of needing a second Ronald McDonald House, the first being the House in Cleveland. After local McDonald's owner/operators were contacted by Akron Children's Hospital about this need, the answer was simple: yes.

Led by owner/operator Richard Heidman, his business partner John Blickle, and president of the Northeast Ohio McDonald's Co-op, Caesar Burkes, among others, the 140 area McDonald's restaurants committed \$200,000 to build the Akron House.

John Blickle, who owns 22 area McDonald's, said that the acquisition of the Cleveland RMH five years earlier was actually a plus; the first president of the Cleveland House was very helpful to Akron's effort.

At that time, funds to benefit the capital campaign to build the House were raised by running specific promotions at the restaurants, such as Shamrock Shakes, with a portion of the proceeds going to the House.

Kitchen volunteers at 25th anniversary party.



Aside from the initial \$200,000 pledge, the McDonald's owner/operators were involved in mobilizing the community effort, providing advertising, and serving as members of the CFC. And the support for Ronald McDonald Houses by McDonald's is ongoing. As well as the donation canister for Ronald McDonald House Charities at their restaurants, McDonald's donates supplies to the Akron House to benefit normal House operations.

Acknowledging the relationship between RMH and McDonald's restaurants, Mr. Blickle nonetheless focuses on the House. "It's incredibly well run, on the trustee level and the volunteer level. [The staff and volunteers] are very good at dealing with parents with raw emotions due to a sick child. They handle the dynamics well."

The Parents

If the hospital and the McDonald's owner/operators were the bricks and mortar that got the House built, Sandi Freygang, and all the parents she represents, was the heart.

This is the story of how she and her husband Dale came to be involved with building the RMH in Akron:

On August 22, 1981, Sandi Freygang, who was 30 weeks pregnant with her first child, went into premature labor. She and Dale went to Akron City Hospital to be evaluated. After an ultrasound that found "too many body parts" an x-ray was performed and they were told that they were having twins. An attempt to postpone labor was unsuccessful, and Sandi gave

birth to twin girls on August 23. Baby A (later named Nicole Marie) weighed 2 lb. 12 oz., and Baby B (later named Jennifer Lynn) weighed 2 lb. 10 oz. Both were immediately transported to the Akron Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Nicole had positional clubbed feet and her legs were put in casts. Jennifer subsequently developed a cerebral hemorrhage.



Bill Considine with Blanche Davy, RMH's first Resident House Manager.

The Freygang twins remained at Children's Hospital until mid-October, being discharged two days apart. Sandi's original due date had been November 1.

Due to the amount of time Dale and Sandi spent at the hospital with their girls, they got close to many of the people they met in the NICU. So when Sandi helped plan a reunion party for hospital staff, the families and their children at the Canton Armory, she got to know Bill Considine and Donald Shook, and, as Mr. Considine puts it, he got his "secret weapon" to help with the effort to secure a Ronald McDonald House.

John Shaffer, RMH's first Board President, addresses the people at the 25th anniversary party.



Sandi and Dale live in Akron, but for the 53 days their twins were in the hospital, the hospital is where their lives were. Sandi recalls getting in her car some days, just wanting to get away from the sounds and smells of the NICU only to turn around and be tugged back by her daughters. When Akron's RMH was built, it was unique in that the House had a "Day Room" specifically for families who weren't staying at the House but needed just such a break.

In 1983, when the Founding Board for the House was established, Sandi was asked to be vice president. In that capacity, she participated in the Speaker's Bureau, she assisted with marketing, and she was editor of the Care Cables. In her words, "We saw a job that needed to be done and did it."

Sandi and her husband have remained deeply involved in the RMH of Akron. Dale has served as a board member on both the CFC Board and the RMH Board. In the early years, Dale and Sandi, along with their twins, would serve as volunteer weekend managers for the House. And Sandi still volunteers every other Tuesday. She comes after work, is sometimes tired, but once she's at the House she knows why she's there and she's glad. When she speaks to the residents at the House, many with premature babies in the NICU, she tells them about her experience in 1981. Then she tells them about Nicki, who has been married for 1½ years and works for Eli Lilly, and Jennifer, who teaches first grade in Worthington and is working on her second master's degree. As Sandi says, "You can just see the ray of hope in their eyes."



Alpha Delta Pi's volunteered to serve at our 25th anniversary party.

The House

The three stories above are only a representation of the many people who donated their time, their resources, and their talents to getting the RMH of Akron built. It may seem clichéd to refer to it as "The House That Love Built". But if you talk to the people who were there at the beginning, who made it their mission to make the House a reality, you KNOW how much love went into the House at 245 Locust Street.

The current staff, board members and volunteers would like to thank all of you who had a part in making this happen.

Ronald McDonald House of Akron would like to acknowledge the handful of people who have given 25 years of service to the House: William Considine, Sandi Freygang, Robert Klein, John Shaffer, Colin Crites, Sharon Crites, Darlene Lewis, Lois Reaven, Joan Robinson, Fran Sawaya and Dana Zahuranec.



A Message From Our Resident Manager

Spring is finally here, and although it was a long cold winter, these first months of 2010 have been an exciting time here at The Ronald McDonald House of Akron.

On January 13th we celebrated 25 years to the day that our doors opened. We had a birthday party for volunteers, board members and special friends. A group of nearly 100 people gathered to remember those early days

Many changes have taken place in our lives over the past 25 years. Back when our house opened Ronald Reagan was the President, the average income was \$22,100.00, a gallon of gas was \$1.09, a new car would set you back \$9,005.00,

and a nights stay at The Ronald McDonald House of Akron was \$10.00. All these things have changed, but due to your help and support our house is still just \$10.00 per night.

The house has also changed in many ways. Our 20 guest rooms are almost always full and the waiting list is long, and it is not unusual to serve an evening meal for 45 people. Our Volunteers have grown from the original core to well over 100 with a long list of student volunteers. Amazingly 7 of our original volunteers are still active. Our staff has grown to 3 full time and 3 part time.

In spite of all the changes our mission remains the same; to



Anne Collins

bring a home away from home for families who have a loved one at Akron Children's Hospital, to provide a comfortable place to rest, a warm meal, and compassion during a time of uncertainty and crisis.

Thank you to all who have made this journey such a success and we hope you will continue along into the future and help us to always be "The House That Love Built".

Meet Volunteer Coordinator Meri Skiera

On January 1, 2010, Meri Skiera began a new job at the Ronald McDonald House of Akron as Volunteer Coordinator.

She has been at the House since October of 2001, serving as a House volunteer, office volunteer, substitute manager and spring cleaner before accepting the Coordinator position.

As Volunteer Coordinator, Meri is responsible for training new volunteers, filling volunteer shifts, producing the monthly newsletter/calender, organizing volunteer brunches and seminars, as well as various public relations duties such as giving tours of the House, doing speaking engagements and working with groups to find ways to support the House.



Meri, her husband, Steve, and her daughter, Emily, currently live in West Akron. She says, "We enjoy this area and all that it has to offer and are proud to call it home. Being a part of the House has changed my perspective for the better and I only hope to pay forward all that I have learned from the residents, coworkers and fellow volunteers."

Save the Date!!

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron is having a 25th Anniversary Street Fair to honor their volunteers.

Sunday, July 18
2 pm to 5 pm

The food, which includes sliders, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken breasts, chips, and salad cups will be provided by Moe's Restaurant. The afternoon will feature a photo booth, an ice cream vendor, the Hoban High School Steel Drum Band, and, of course, Ronald McDonald.

We hope our volunteers will mark the date on their calendars and plan to attend!

Meal Donors

Many thanks to the following dining establishments, organizations and individuals who have provided meals to the Ronald McDonald House of Akron this year:

- ♥ 356th Fighter Group
- ♥ Akron Children's Hospital Resident Doctors
- ♥ Alpha Phi Omega
- ♥ Altrusa International
- ♥ Alycia Taylor
- ♥ Amy Geiser & friends
- ♥ Applebee's Restaurant, Hudson Dr.
- ♥ Berlin NE Church
- ♥ Beta Sigma Phi
- ♥ BJ's Wholesale Club
- ♥ Bob Evans Restaurant, Chapel Hill
- ♥ Bravo!, W. Market St.
- ♥ BW-3
- ♥ Catering by Culinary Duet
- ♥ Charlotte Hosey & Koinonia Sunday School gals
- ♥ Christ Child
- ♥ Christie Long
- ♥ Circle Café Catering
- ♥ Color Our Rainbow
- ♥ Cynthia's Edibles
- ♥ Debbie Smith
- ♥ Deditis Italian Market & Deli
- ♥ Diamond Marcum & Family
- ♥ Dine In Diva
- ♥ Edna Miller
- ♥ Elaine Hawthorne
- ♥ Emma Yoder
- ♥ F. Esposito Culinary Events
- ♥ Falls Deli
- ♥ First Church of God, Tallmadge
- ♥ Giant Eagle #4025, Fairlawn
- ♥ Giant Eagle #4096, Kent Rd.
- ♥ H & R Block
- ♥ Islamic Medical Association NEOUCOM
- ♥ James Lipjanic
- ♥ Jennifer Kupiec & friends
- ♥ Jenny Jurkovic & friends
- ♥ Jesse Neidert & friends
- ♥ Jr. Mom's Club, Stow, Munroe Falls, Silver Lake
- ♥ Julie LeFever
- ♥ JWCC - Junior Women's Civic Club
- ♥ Katie Evans & her girl scout troop
- ♥ Katie Wright, Dana Kiefer & friends
- ♥ Kent State University. - Catholic Student Assoc.
- ♥ Kirbie Family Meats & Catering
- ♥ Laura Tucci & Family
- ♥ Little Caesars Pizza
- ♥ Marilyn Yoder
- ♥ Michelle Boldt
- ♥ Modista Fashion Group
- ♥ Moe's Restaurant
- ♥ Mustard Seed
- ♥ Nancy Walker Gerbetz, Luisa Iturriaga, et al.
- ♥ Nick Triola Family
- ♥ O'Charley's, Chapel Hill
- ♥ Olive Garden, Chapel Hill
- ♥ Pizza Hut
- ♥ Rhodes Catering
- ♥ Rizzi's Ristorante & Pizzeria
- ♥ Rocco's Pizza
- ♥ Sandy Adkins
- ♥ Sharon & Mark Kohler
- ♥ Shisler's Cheese House
- ♥ St. Anne's Circle, St. Mary's Parish
- ♥ Stephanie Allen & Family
- ♥ Stutzman's Bi-Rite
- ♥ Subway
- ♥ Tangier's Restaurant
- ♥ Tap House
- ♥ The Spaghetti Warehouse
- ♥ Vikki & Rodney Shadie
- ♥ Vinceen Davis & Jen Hajdu
- ♥ Waterloo Restaurant
- ♥ White House Chicken
- ♥ Windemere School
- ♥ Yocono's Restaurant



Our Wish List

Please check this list of items and foods that we so often need at our House. We're thankful for all the businesses, groups and individuals who refill our pantry and storerooms.

Before making a large donation, we ask that you call 330-253-5400 to set up a delivery time.

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| Pop tabs | Raisins |
| Stouffer's or Lean Cuisine entrees
(individual servings) | Canned fruit
(15 oz - 29 oz cans are best) |
| Potato chips, pretzels, etc.
(individual servings) | Fruit juices |
| Canned mushrooms | Cheese
(shredded, slices or blocks) |
| Mixed vegetables | Fresh fruit & vegetables |
| Salad dressing
(Ranch, French, etc.) | Granola |
| Beef broth | Corn muffin mix |
| Boxed potato mixes
(scalloped, au gratin, etc.) | Napkins |
| Rice | Ziplock bags
(any size) |
| Crackers | Dryer sheets |
| Cream of celery soup | Paper towels |
| Olives | Laundry detergent |
| White vinegar | Sample size toiletries |
| Boxed cereal | Grocery Store gift certificates |
| | B J's gift certificates |

Message from John Shaffer, First President of RMH

Has it really been 25 years? It seems like yesterday that we opened the front door on that freezing cold January 13th day in 1985.



We built our house in honor of the children who had been treated at Akron Children's Hospital and as a home-like resting place for their parents and siblings. The

house is to assist in the child's care by providing a loving, caring environment for that patient/child's family. That is our mission and it has never changed.

The hospital has grown physically and expanded modern care significantly in the last 25 years, growing into one of the largest and most respected hospitals in the country. The Akron area is very proud of "Children's."

Our house now provides meals for the families via partnerships with food purveyors from the area. We continue to make changes to our services and facility to match the needs of parents, the hospital and their patients. The triangle of McDonald's, the Akron area community and the hospital still work together to make, in my estimation, Akron's Ronald McDonald House the best house in the world.

The Spirit of Community

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron has been truly blessed by the generosity of many individuals, organizations and businesses from Akron and the surrounding communities who have given donations of food and materials, as well as their time. These are pictures of just a few of the generous people who donate to our House.

Below is a list of just some of the groups and individuals who have supported our House in the past few months. To them, and the countless others who have also lent a helping hand to our House, we offer our heartfelt thanks.

- ♥ AAA - Akron Auto Club
- ♥ Adam Schulte
- ♥ Akron Beacon Journal
- ♥ Akron Children's Hospital
- ♥ Akron Zoological Park
- ♥ Allenside Athletic Club Aux.
- ♥ Alpha Delta Pi
- ♥ Amanda Douglas
- ♥ American Legion Aux.
- ♥ Anderson DuBose Co.
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- ♥ Charles Harper
- ♥ Charlotte Jeski
- ♥ Cheryl Zuber
- ♥ Cintas
- ♥ Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Akron
- ♥ Community of Christ Church
- ♥ ConKerr Cancer
- ♥ Country Pure Foods, Inc.
- ♥ Cub Scout Pack 3132
- ♥ Cuyahoga Falls Senior Strollers
- ♥ Damascus Elementary School
- ♥ Dillard's, Inc.
- ♥ Donna Villio
- ♥ Dunkin' Donuts
- ♥ Eastside Maytag
- ♥ Ecolab
- ♥ Embroider Your Own
- ♥ First Christian Church
- ♥ Freshway Market
- ♥ Georgia Pacific
- ♥ Greater Akron Phi Mu Alumnae
- ♥ Halls Auto Holiday Inn Cruise-In
- ♥ Harrison Paint Co.
- ♥ James Cooper
- ♥ James Neff
- ♥ Jeremy Crawford
- ♥ JoAnn Fabric & Craft Stores
- ♥ John Blickle
- ♥ Joseph Raber
- ♥ JWCC
- ♥ K.I.S.S. Quilters
- ♥ Karen Moore
- ♥ Karla Weber
- ♥ Kelly Borchart
- ♥ Krispy Kreme Donuts
- ♥ Land O'Lakes
- ♥ Lawndale Elementary School
- ♥ La-Z-Boy of Northeast Ohio
- ♥ Lindsey Callahan
- ♥ Main Street Gourmet
- ♥ Mary Ellen Nyszczy
- ♥ Miller School for the Performing Arts
- ♥ Miller's Rental and Sales, Inc.
- ♥ Moe's Golf Outing
- ♥ Papa Joe's
- ♥ Partylite
- ♥ Peter Sasson
- ♥ Phyllis Adams
- ♥ Quota Club of Akron
- ♥ Reiter Dairy
- ♥ Richard Eichinger
- ♥ Rita Studer
- ♥ Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio
- ♥ Rubber City McDonald's
- ♥ Salvatore Baglieri
- ♥ Sam's Club #4750
- ♥ Sarah Baker
- ♥ Seek Designs Three Elizabeths
- ♥ Shearer Foods Inc.
- ♥ St. Eugene's Church
- ♥ St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
- ♥ St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School
- ♥ St. Sebastian School - Student Council
- ♥ Stand Up With Style
- ♥ Steve Emerick
- ♥ Stow Hampton Inn
- ♥ Summa Cardiology
- ♥ Target
- ♥ Temperature Control
- ♥ Thomas Smith
- ♥ TNT Exterminators
- ♥ TNT Publications
- ♥ University of Akron, Circle K
- ♥ Vina Smith
- ♥ Walsh Jesuit Students
- ♥ Wayside Furniture
- ♥ Wellsville Post Office
- ♥ Windemere Elementary School
- ♥ Winking Lizard
- ♥ Yoder Brothers, Inc.



Ronald McDonald with RMH Staff.



Gara Sauer dishing out soup.



Pop tab donations to RMH of Akron.

A Message From Our President

As we celebrate our 25th year of serving the Greater Akron community, we reflect on what our House has accomplished as a "home away from home" for families of children being treated at the Akron Children's Hospital. We are one of 169 Ronald McDonald Houses in the United States. Our House proudly serves 17 Ohio counties. We have successfully kept pace with Children's Hospital providing services to meet the ever changing needs of patients, like Cory Martin, and their families. We are blessed with a committed group of over

100 volunteers, some of whom have been with us for 25 years, who skillfully handle the day-to-day duties of running the House. Remarkably we have welcomed 27,200 families through our doors since opening in 1985 and most weeks our 20 bedroom home is completely full with a wait list.

Guided by the wisdom of the original Board, the Ronald McDonald House of Akron is strategically planning for the future. As the Akron Children's Hospital continues to grow and extend their reach into the community, we are



Cindy Wisheff

committed to fulfilling our mission of meeting the needs of the children and families the hospital serves. The Board is confident that our legacy of volunteers, donors, and community supporters will allow us to meet any challenge the Ronald McDonald House of Akron will face as we take steps to the future.

Ronald McDonald Charity Golf Classic: June 21, 2010

For the past 26 years, the Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Classic has been held in June to financially support “The House That Love Built” and the charities of Junior Women’s Civic Club.

For all these years, we have enjoyed the support of Akron Children’s Hospital, Rubber City Arches, Ronald McDonald Charities of NE Ohio and Key Bank. They have been the bedrock of our success. This year we welcome two new underwriters to our family: Apteryx and Ernst & Young. Through the generosity of these and other local businesses and golfers, we have raised almost \$650,00 in 25 years.

We can’t thank them enough for their support.

The monies raised from this event not only go to Ronald McDonald House of Akron, but to the charities of Junior Women’s Civic Club. The funds raised for this event stay in the immediate area. Seventy five percent of the profit goes to RMH of Akron; 25 percent goes to JWCC for worthy local organizations.

We are very excited to offer Congress Lake as the backdrop for this year’s event. The 2010 Charity Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 21. Included in the \$300 entry fee is 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch, dinner and two drink tickets.

For additional information on sponsorship, advertising opportunities, and golf, or to make a donation, contact Beth Leipold (Golf Classic Chairperson) at bethleipold@evosolutionsllc.com. Please make checks payable to RMH of Akron, Inc., and mail to RMH Charity Golf Classic, Attn: Beth Leipold, 2301 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Copley, OH 44321, or call 330.573.6770.

Update on Cory Martin and Jennifer Cameron

Many of our readers were touched by the lead article from last fall’s Care Cables, about Cory Martin and his mother, Jennifer Cameron. I was going to write an update, but Jennifer’s words were so poignant that I will let her tell you herself:



“We are doing well overall. Cory is still in complete remission. We come to Akron once a week for exams and labs. Soon that will be going to every other week. Cory is now doing all his schooling at home but classified as a high school sophomore. He should be going back to school next year.”

We just recently took our Special Wish trip to a place in Kissimmee Florida called “Give Kids the World”. During our stay the family got the privilege of enjoying all of the Disney Parks and both Universal Parks and many other attractions in the Orlando area. Cory is happy, and getting back to a normal routine and it’s a GREAT thing to see my boy so happy and enjoying his life. Although this has been a great miracle in my son’s life, some other things have happened to me. Just three weeks ago I was diagnosed with a skin cancer that will need attention.

I will be going through surgery next in Cleveland. After that, depending on how far this has spread, it will determine how many and how long will be the extent of the treatments. I never in the world imagined to hear the word “cancer” again—but as with Cory and me—its all just one day at a time. So as far as normal, we are seeing some, but its still a lot of running for him and me and the other two at home.”



Donald Shook: Tribute to a Man Who Helped Build the House

In writing the 25th Anniversary article, almost everyone I interviewed mentioned one name over and over: Donald Shook.

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron would like to acknowledge the hard work he did as vice president of development at Akron Children’s Hospital—a job he held for 21 years—to build a Ronald McDonald House on the campus at Akron Children’s. His work at organizing the community effort was the backbone that brought the House to fruition.

He went on to serve on the Founding Board, as a trustee, and as a past president.

He also began the Tree Festival, which raises money for a special, child-related project annually.

Don passed away on January 3, 2005, after a long battle with cancer. He was a compassionate man who helped the community of Akron give an immeasurable gift to the families of sick children.



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For information on organizing a **fundraising event**, call Sheldon Barlette at 330.253.5400.

If your group or organization needs a **speaker** to discuss our mission, call Meri Skiera at 330.253.5400.

Mission

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron was founded by families for the purpose of providing a temporary house for those who have loved ones at Akron Children's Hospital. Our home provides emotional, spiritual and mental support to all who live within these walls.