



Ronald McDonald House Charities® Australia

# Impact Report 2022

RMHC are there for families when they need us most. We have been supporting families with seriously ill or injured children in Australia since 1981. Across Australia, we operate 18 Ronald McDonald Houses, 19 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, 5 Ronald McDonald Family Retreats, 4 Ronald McDonald Hospitality Carts and the Ronald McDonald Learning Program



**34,976**

Families supported by RMHC Programs



**1,229**

Learning Program students supported on any given week



**281**

Families stayed at a Family Retreat



**1,173**

Families were provided with items from the RMHC Hospitality Cart



**9,608**

Families accommodated at our Houses



**22,092**

Families visited our Family Rooms



**162,004**

Dedicated volunteer hours across Australia

## Our National Partners



## Our Program Supporters

- AbbVie
- AGL Gas & Electricity Pty Ltd
- Ambius Plants
- Are Media
- Ashurst
- B1G1
- Bega
- Bingo Waste
- Bushells Coffee
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- CoreLogic
- DDB
- Deane Apparel
- DELL Asia Pacific
- DFK ANZ
- Dons Small Goods
- EY
- Ezycharge
- Fresh Foods
- Fujitsu
- Inghams
- Initial Hygiene
- Maddocks
- McCormick Foods Australia
- NIB
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Pact Group
- Popcake
- Rentokil Initial
- Rentokil Pest Control
- Signature Media
- Suncorp Brighter Futures
- Toybox International
- Turosi
- Von Muenster Legal
- White Glove Assembly
- Westpac



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## Kobi Family Story

### Kobi (2 years), Felicity, Renee and Charlie (9 months)

**We had a three week holiday planned and just before we were about to leave Kobi's left eye started to look a little bit red and bloodshot. We quickly got a referral to an ophthalmologist and Kobi was diagnosed with retinal blastoma at 21 months old.**

We were completely shocked, we were away from home, and to be told then and there so suddenly, it was just heartbreaking. He was booked into surgery. When he came out of theatre, he had a big patch over his left eye. It was about five days later that we got a phone call to say that unfortunately, cancer cells were detected in his optic nerve, which is a direct line to the brain. So it was imminent that Kobi needed to start chemotherapy.



We're from a tiny little country town called Grenfell, so logistically, it was going to be a nightmare traveling back and forth for Kobi's treatment.

***We found out about Ronald McDonald House and made inquiries and they were able to accommodate us. It was just an absolute lifeline, and we've been staying here ever since.***

To have our own little private space and so close to the hospital was a godsend. It's a straight walk across the road and through the gate. Renee can prepare home cooked meals and run them over. It's those little creature comforts that help make everything a little bit easier for him, and seeing his family every day.

***I think a lot of people don't know that houses are available for long term stays too. When we spoke with Ronald McDonald House, and they told us we could actually stay here full time free of charge, it was just welcome relief.***

I don't know if Kobi actually remembers where we're from. We simply say it's getting to the end of the treatment, we're going to have to go home to Grenfell. He says I don't want to go home to Grenfell. I want to go home to Ronald McDonald House.

***He's obviously got quite fond memories and thoughts about the place already. So this is home to him now.***

We're just your normal average family with a sick little boy, and we're struggling like anybody else, but to have this available to us has just been so amazing.



**To those who have donated, I hope you understand how far your generosity has gone. It goes beyond words. What the House does is really above and beyond, it's not just accommodation.**

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