



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Newfoundland & Labrador

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Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador Appoints new Board Chair, Vice-Chair and two new Board Members

(August 18, 2017 St. John's, NL) – Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHC NL) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Theresa Rahal** as board chair and **Dawn Dalley** as vice-chair.

Theresa Rahal is a founding board member and has served in various capacities including, most recently, vice-chair and member of the executive committee. Theresa is Principal Consultant and owner of Strategic Directions Inc. and provides a wealth of knowledge and experience to further the mission of RMHC.

Dawn Dalley has been a board member with RMHC NL since 2014 and has served on the Development & Communications Committee and most recently the Human Resources committee. Dawn is Vice President Regulatory Affairs & Corporate Services with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and contributes a wealth of experience to RMHC NL.

RMHC NL also announces two newly appointed members to the board of directors, **Heather Peters**, Senior Consultant with Knightsbridge Robertson Surette and **Erin Higdon**, Vice President of Business Strategy at Atlantic Grocery Distributors.

RMHC NL recognizes the contributions of outgoing board members, **Rod Legge with Advantage Solutions**, **Rick Tiller with Tiller Engineering** and **Neil Sullivan with Coca-Cola**. Their collective efforts, along with relationships they have fostered with donors and partners, will help ensure RMHC continues to keep families of sick children close to each and the care and resources they need.

Rod Legge is a business executive with Advantage Solutions and a founding board member of RMHC NL. Rod's unique perspective as a parent whose son endured childhood cancer provided much insight to a family's needs during the construction and operations of Ronald McDonald House. Rod served as chair of the Development & Communications Committee, Volunteer Event Chair for the annual FORE the Families Golf Classic and member of the Programs

Committee. While Rod will continue his involvement with committee work and events, RMHC extends its sincere gratitude for his tremendous contribution to keep families close at RMHC.

Rick Tiller, of Tiller Engineering, joined the board in 2013, shortly after Ronald McDonald House opened. Rick's contribution has been characterized by innovative ideas and strategic thinking. Rick served as chair of the Facilities Committee and led a team of experts to enhance the building and property now and for the future. RMHC extends its sincere gratitude for his time and expertise. While Rick will continue his involvement with RMHC, his outstanding contribution has made a difference in the lives of sick children and their families.

Neil Sullivan, the General Manager for Atlantic Canada with Coca Cola, served on the board of directors since 2013. His perspective, influence and networks helped advance our mission to help keep families close at RMHC. Neil served on the Development & Communications Committee and the event committee for the annual FORE the Families Golf Classic. While Neil will continue his involvement with events and when needed, we extend our sincere gratitude for his enthusiasm and compassion to ensure RMHC continues keeping families with a sick or injured child close to each other and the care and resources they need.

RMHC NL Board of Directors is comprised of leaders in the fields of business, finance, law, medicine, communications and facilities management.

RMHC NL Board of Directors:

- **Theresa Rahal**, Board Chair
- **Gerry Beresford**, Immediate Past-Chair
- **Dawn Dalley**, Vice-Chair
- **Bill Budgell**, Treasurer
- **Blair Rogers**, Director
- **Dr. Lynette Bowes**, Director
- **Sterling Peyton**, Director
- **Paul Rogers**, Director
- **Heather Peters**, Director
- **Erin Higdon**, Director

While each Ronald McDonald House shares a common mission, each house is independently governed by a Board of Directors with its own charitable registration number. Since opening in 2012, Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador have accommodated more than 1000 families dealing with their child's illness far from home. It is estimated that RMHC NL saved these families more than \$3.5M in accommodation costs alone.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador helps keep families with a sick or injured child close to each other and the care and resources they need, when they need it most. Open 24 hours a day/7 days a week, Ronald McDonald House features many common areas including a large kitchen, family room, television room, resource center, home office, children’s play areas and laundry facilities. Ronald McDonald House is open to parents, siblings and at times, extended family members of children receiving medical treatment in St. John’s. It draws on a large pool of committed volunteers who help families feel at home.

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Outgoing Board Members



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Rod Legge