



Keeping families close

FORE the Families Golf Classic presented by Coca-Cola a huge success for families staying at Ronald McDonald House

(June 20, 2017 ST. John's) The 5th annual FORE the Families Golf Classic, presented by Coca-Cola, was held on Friday, June 16, 2017 at The Wilds Golf Resort. The event was another great success, with a sold out group of golfers and sponsors and best of all, it raised \$63,000 for sick children and their families that need Ronald McDonald House. That's now a five year event total of more than \$300,000!

The event kicked off on Thursday evening when the registered golfers took full advantage of the networking opportunities and participated in the Night Be-**FORE pre-tournament MIXER. This exciting pre-event social took place at Gimmies Lounge** and included entertainment with a Live Musical performance by Chris Ryan, advance registration, networking and games. On Friday, each registered team enjoyed 18 holes of golf, and plenty more games and prizes. A celebration barbeque lunch followed the **FORE the Families Golf Classic**. It was an opportunity for players to relax and network, win prizes, and acknowledge and thank all sponsors and participants.

"Most children are at the house during the worst moments of their lives, as are their families. They are there because of illness. You would think that the memories and experiences would be far from positive. But that is not the case in most situations. Since our time spent at RHMC our daughter has continually asked to go back. My family and I want to say a huge thank-you on behalf of all families who have needed RMHC and those who will need it in the future. It is our hope that you will continue to support RMHC in all its endeavors and understand that families like ours are truly grateful for your support!" Stephen King, (former guest of RMHC)

Without the community, Ronald McDonald House would not be able to keep families with a sick or injured child close to each other and the care and resources they need, when they need it most! Since opening in September 2012, Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador have accommodated 970 families while dealing with their child's illness far from home.

Ronald McDonald House wishes to thank everyone involved with the FORE the Families Golf Classic. Save the date, the 6th Annual FORE the Families Golf Classic will be held June 15, 2018 at The Wilds!



2017 FORE the Families Golf Classic presented by Coca-Cola

L-R: **Annette Godsell** (Executive Director, RMHC NL), **Christine Morgan** (Director, Development and Communications RMHC NL), **Dwayne Maher (Committee Member)**, **Paul Mills** (Prime Creative), **Christine Adams & Darrell Hynes** (Belfor), **Trevor Morris** (McDonald's), **Steve Power** (Grant Thornton), **Jason Smith** (Smith's Snacks), **George Battcock** (Prime Creative), **Rod Legge** (Event Chair), **Amanda Mews** NTV
 Front: Special guests: **Sherry, Emma & Stephen King** of Victoria, NL (former guests of RMHC)

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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