



Keeping families close

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RNC Association Adopt a Room at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador

(February 22, 2018, St. John's, NL) – The RNC Association (RNCA) announced the adoption of a **Family Suite** today at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHC NL). Adopting a room at RMHC NL provides individuals, organizations and corporations with the opportunity to provide the most caring and practical support to families during an incredibly stressful time. When families find themselves traveling far from home so their child can receive medical care in St. John's, having the programs and services at RMHC NL provides a sense of security to parents who know they will be able to stay close to their sick or injured child.

The Adopt-a-Room program ensures that common areas and family suites at RMHC NL are beautifully kept, and maintained. Following the announcement today, members of the RNC Association presented Ronald McDonald House with a cheque for **\$7500**. Members of the organization also enjoyed a guided tour of the house as well as a visit with the family currently staying in their adopted suite, **The Baker Family of Terrenceville, NL**.

RNCA President, Sgt. Mike Summers, stated that, "Having a child who is sick or injured can be extremely stressful for parents and families. We hope to reduce this stress by assisting the Ronald McDonald House in their efforts to keep families together and close to the resources which their child needs."

Since opening in 2012, Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador has provided more than 28,000 nights of comfort and care to more than 1100 families, saving families with a sick or injured child an estimated \$4.9M!

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. The 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 pool of committed volunteers who help families feel at home.

Annette Godsell, Executive Director of RMHC NL commended the RNC Association on their support and said “Due to the generosity of individuals, companies, groups, like the RNC Association, Ronald McDonald House can continue to keep families with a sick or injured child together and close to the care and resources they need, when they need it the most.”

The **RNC Association (RNCA)** represents approximately 400 non-commissioned officers of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. These officers hold the ranks of Constable, Sergeant and Staff Sergeant. Each year the RNCA contributes to charities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador as part of its commitment to supporting the communities in which RNCA members serve.



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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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Photos attached



L-R: Sgt. Mike Summers (RNCA President), Christine Morgan (Director Development & Communications RMHC), Annette Godsell (Executive Director, RMHC), Jerry Baker (Current RMHC Guest)



**L-R: Supt. Joe Boland (RNC Chief of Police), Sgt. Mike Summers (RNCA President), Jerry Boland (RMHC Guest),
Christine Morgan (Director Development & Communications)**