



Keeping families close

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Iron Ore Company of Canada Adopt a Room at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador

(October 24, 2018, St. John's, NL) – Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) announced the adoption of a **Family Suite** on Monday October 22, 2018 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, representatives presented Ronald McDonald House with a cheque for the first payment towards the **\$15,000**, three-year commitment. Representatives also enjoyed a guided tour of the house as well as a visit with the family currently staying in their adopted suite, **The Andrews Family of Creston**. Samantha and Jonathon Andrews and their children, 2year old Katie and their new born twins Zachary and Logan. Logan is currently hospitalized, so for the past 52 nights the family have stayed together and close to their son at Ronald McDonald House. For the Andrews family, with a toddler and new born twins, with one hospitalized and in need advanced medical care in St. John's some 307km from their home, Ronald McDonald House has now become their home when they cannot be at home.

"IOC is very proud of our continued commitment to the Ronald McDonald House NL, it's an organization that is near and dear to the hearts of our employees as well as the residents in our communities," says Heather Bruce-Veitch, Director of Communications and External Relations. "Living in Labrador West, we have many families who have benefited from the comforts of the Ronald McDonald House in St. John's. When families have to travel for medical reasons, having a place that feels like home can make this stressful time in their lives a little bit easier. We are so pleased to be able to support our employees, our communities, and such a worthwhile organization."

Since opening in 2012, Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador has provided more than 29,000 nights of comfort and care to more than 1288 families, saving families with a sick or injured child an estimated \$4.9M!

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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 Iron Ore Company of Canada on their support and said "Due to the generosity of individuals, companies, groups, like the Iron Ore Company of Canada, 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."

Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) is a leading Canadian producer of iron ore pellets and concentrate serving customers worldwide. The Company operates a mine, concentrator and a pelletizing plant in Labrador City, Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as port facilities located in Sept-Îles, in the province of Quebec. It also operates a 418-kilometre railroad that links the mine to the port. IOC currently employs approximately 2,400 employees and has the capacity to produce approximately 23 million tons of iron ore concentrate per year. IOC's major shareholder is the international mining group Rio Tinto, which has activities in more than 40 countries throughout the world.

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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L-R: Mike & Michelle Turpin(IOC) Christine Morgan (Director Development & Communications RMHC), Tina Harris (IOC), Alexander Turpin, Heather Bruce-Veitch (Director Communications & External Relations IOC), Barry Hillier (IOC), Dave Harris(IOC), Lincoln Thoms, The Andrews Family of Creston, NL (Samantha, Jonathan and their children Katie & Zachery)



Tina Harris and Heather Bruce-Veitch with Iron Ore Company of Canada unveil their Adopted Family Suite at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador