



Keeping families close

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Inmarsat Canada Adopt a Room at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador

(March 13, 2019, St. John's, NL) – Inmarsat Canada announced the adoption of a **Family Suite** 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 **\$7500.00, for a one-year** commitment. Representatives also enjoyed a guided tour of the house as well as a visit with the families currently staying at Ronald McDonald House including Sophie.

David Thornhill, Senior Vice President, Group IT, Inmarsat, based at the company's office in St John's, Newfoundland, said: ***"Championing important causes in the local communities in which we work and live is important to Inmarsat across the world. I am very proud of the commitment of all our employees here in St John's, through which we will be able to adopt a Family Suite at Ronald McDonald House this year. As an office, our employees select a charity to support each year, and given we have a young work force in St John's, many with young families themselves, the support offered by Ronald McDonald House to local families was regarded as especially important."***

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!

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.

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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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