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OVER \$103,000 RAISED FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ON McHAPPY DAY!

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians generosity support families with a sick child staying at RMHC NL

St. John's, NL (May 10, 2019) – Every year, McDonald's Canada franchisees and crew across the country host McHappy Day, an annual day of community giving to support Ronald McDonald Houses and other children's charities across Canada. On McHappy Day this past May 8th, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians raised over **\$103,000** in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) Newfoundland and Labrador! Funds raised will allow families to stay at the Ronald McDonald House, close to their child and close to the medical care they need.

Victor Hatcher of Appleton, NL praises Ronald McDonald House for keeping families close during critical times, especially during his 119 night stay in St. John's while his son Christian received treatments for Leukemia. **"Supporting Ronald McDonald House is huge. Along with the actual chemotherapy treatments and all the other medicines, its important to have all the family present and together, that is huge medicine in itself. Ronald McDonald House supports every aspect of a family being together and this organization has become near and dear to our hearts. The volunteers and staff are angels."**

The Ronald McDonald House in St. John's, one of 15 across Canada, provides a home for out-of-town families to stay at while their child receives treatment at a nearby hospital.

"We are so awed and grateful by the support from McDonald's customers and our local community on McHappy Day," said Annette Godsell, Executive Director RMHC NL **"Every dollar raised will help us keep families with a sick child close – close to one another and close to the care their child needs. This means that families staying with us can have a little bit of normalcy when they are going through a truly difficult time. We could not be there for our families without your support – thank you!"**

McHappy Day continues to play a large role in providing Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador with the funds needed to support our House and the families we serve.

Today, the need for support continues to grow and McDonald's continues to play a forever and sustaining role as our largest donor partner, alongside an extended and vibrant group of many community and corporate partners, as well as individual donors.



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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McHappy Day at McDonald's Gander

L-R: Christine Morgan (RMHC NL), Victor Hatcher, Christian Hatcher, Colin Hatcher, Sharon Hatcher and Annette Higdon (RMHC NL Volunteer)



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10-year-old Christian Hatcher of Appleton, NL stayed at Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador 119 nights while battling **Leukemia**

Thank you Ronald
Mc Donald House for keeping
my family close to me while
I was sick.
Thank you to all the people that
support Ronald McDonald House.

Christian



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Natalia Williams of Labrador City and Emma Clarke of Victoria, NL are current guests of Ronald McDonald House Charities and they want to say Thank you on behalf of all the children for keeping them close to their families during a very difficult time.