



*For Immediate Release*

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador**

### **Appoints two new Board Members**

**(April 30, 2019 St. John's, NL)** – Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHC NL) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Angie Brown** as treasurer of the board and chair of the Finance Committee and **Gary Follett** as Director and chair of the Facilities Committee.

**Angie Brown** is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and is currently pursuing the Chartered Business Valuators (CBV) designation. Angie provides a wealth of knowledge and experience to guide Ronald McDonald House financially to advance the mission.

**Gary Follett** is the founder of FGA Consulting Engineers and is widely acknowledged for his dedication to the engineering profession, which includes work as chair of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Advisory Council and serving on the Committee of Student Diversity and Women in Engineering. Gary has a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge to become chair of the Facilities Committee and Board Member with Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador.

RMHC NL recognizes the contributions of outgoing board treasurer, **Bill Budgell**. His attention to detail, along with relationships he has fostered with donors and partners, will help ensure RMHC continues to keep families of sick children close to each other and the medical care and resources they need.

**Bill Budgell** is a professional at Grant Thornton with more than 30 years of experience. Bill practices primarily in the private business space. In addition to his role as a domestic tax partner, he is the tax service line leader for Newfoundland and Labrador which gives him a broad exposure to the changing trends and issues facing businesses in our province. He is a founding board member of Ronald McDonald House and acted as Treasurer of the board since 2009. He provided sound financial reports and advise through the capital campaign, construction and six years of providing programs and services to sick children and their families. Bill recently received recognition for 10 years of volunteering with Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador

at a special event to honour RMHC volunteers in April 2019. Even though Bill will be stepping aside as a Board Member and Treasurer, he will continue his involvement with the transitioning process and finance committee, RMHC extends its sincere gratitude for his tremendous contribution to keep families close at RMHC.

RMHC NL Board of Directors is comprised of leaders in the fields of business, finance, law, medicine, communications and facilities management.

**RMHC NL Board of Directors 2019-2020:**

- **Theresa Rahal**, Board Chair
- **Dawn Dalley**, Vice-Chair
- **Angie Brown**, Treasurer
- **Blair Rogers**, Director
- **Dr. Lynette Bowes**, Director
- **Sterling Peyton**, Director
- **Paul Rogers**, Director
- **Heather Peters**, Director
- **Erin Higdon**, Director
- **Gary Follett**, Director

While each Ronald McDonald House shares a common mission, each house is independently governed by a Board of Directors with its own charitable registration number. Since opening in 2012, Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador have accommodated more than 1300 families dealing with their child's illness far from home. It is estimated that RMHC NL saved these families more than \$4.8M in accommodation costs alone.

**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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**Newly appointed Board Members**



Angie Brown, RMHC NL Treasurer



Gary Follett, Director

**Outgoing Board Member**



Bill Budgell