



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
Newfoundland & Labrador

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**RE: COVID-19 Update #4**

### **Strength in Numbers Volunteer Gathering**

Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 environment and our commitment to the health of our families, staff, volunteers, and supporters, our responsibility also extends to supporting public health efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the practice of social-distancing and continuing our practices of standard infectious control precautions.

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador has made the difficult decision to **cancel the annual International Award Winning Strength in Numbers Volunteer Gathering scheduled for April 24-25, 2020 in St. John's, NL**. This decision was made by following the advice received from provincial and federal governments along with public health authorities.

#### **Further updates:**

- We are still accepting nominations for the **2020 Helping Hand Awards** – deadline is March 31, 2020. Winners will be recognized at another date when appropriate. Stay tuned for details. Please consider submitting a nomination online: <https://rmhcnl.ca/volunteering/helping-hand-awards/>
- Annual Volunteer Recognition presentations for volunteers will also take place at another date when and where appropriate
- We are in the process of completing our annual financial audit and our 2019 Annual Report which will be shared with all volunteers once completed later in April 2020 or early May.
- We hope to provide an opportunity for everyone, respecting physical distancing and utilizing technology, to review the 2019 Annual Report and financial statements and allow time for questions and/or comments. Stay tuned for more details.

As you know the financial impact to the economy, businesses and individuals along with charities and non-profits has the potential to be significant. Together, we are stronger and we will need our volunteers more than ever to get back to full programming.

Volunteers help with all areas of our operation, from leadership to Family Services to soliciting donations. While the full financial impact to RMHC NL is unknown at this time, we are continuing to do our very best to continue to seek sources of revenues from a variety of means and we hope we will be back on track for our annual ***Red Shoe Crew-Walk for Families*** events this fall.

Thank you again for your understanding and your unwavering commitment to helping sick children and their families stay together and near the medical care and resources they need.



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