



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Newfoundland & Labrador

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador Announces its newest Board Members

(September 25, 2024 St. John's, NL) – Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHC NL) is thrilled to announce the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors: **Darren Martin, Melanie Callhan, Jullianne Griffin, and Margo Edison**. Each of these individuals bring a wealth of experience, fresh perspectives and dedication to the RMHC NL mission of supporting families with a sick child, keeping them together and near the medical care they need, when they need it the most.

Darren Martin

Darren brings a wealth of experience to his new role as treasurer on the board of Ronald McDonald House. Previously a Senior Branch Manager at Scotiabank, he developed strong interpersonal and customer service skills, allowing him to foster meaningful relationships at all levels of an organization. Now, as a Business Development Support Services Advisor at the Association of New Canadians, he continues to leverage his expertise in building rapport and maintaining open, honest communication with clients. Darren is excited to contribute to Ronald McDonald House and support its mission in this new capacity.

Julianne Griffin

Julianne is currently the CEO of the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce. She is a proactive and results-oriented leader with extensive experience in communications and community development. Her expertise in relationship building and regional economic development has been instrumental in driving positive change within her community. Recently appointed to the board of the Ronald McDonald House, Julianne is committed to leveraging her strategic planning skills and advocacy for sick children and their families in Newfoundland and Labrador. Her passion for identifying barriers and fostering collaboration makes her an asset to the board of directors.

Margo Edison

Margo Edison is currently working as a Regional Director at Fisheries and Oceans Canada and has a strong grasp of safety, environmental and resource management. Margo has spent many years volunteering her time with the Emergency Response Team with the Canadian Red Cross assisting the community and other first responders with large-scale community evacuations due to wildfire and flooding. She showcases her commitment to community service and crisis management in both her work and her volunteer capacity. Her recent appointment to the board of Ronald McDonald

House reflects her dedication to supporting sick children and their families. Margo's diverse experiences will bring valuable perspectives to the board, particularly in areas of leadership, teamwork, and community resilience

Melanie Callahan

Melanie Callahan, a dedicated communications professional at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook, is thrilled to join the RMHC NL board. She is passionate about supporting sick children and their families during their toughest times. With a rich background in volunteer work—including literacy initiatives, school councils, and sports organizations—Melanie was also instrumental in bringing the National Special Olympics Games to Corner Brook. As a proud mother of two, she enjoys spending her free time baking, with a special focus on *chocolate* recipes.

RMHC NL would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to outgoing board members Erin Higdon and Penny McDonald. Their unwavering dedication to supporting sick children and their families, along with the strong relationships they've built with donors and partners, will undoubtedly help RMHC NL continue its mission of keeping families close to each other and to the medical care and resources they need. Thank you, Erin and Penny, for your invaluable contributions!

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

RMHC NL Board of Directors 2024:

- **Angie Brown**, Board Chair
- **Gail Collins**, Director
- **Darren Martin**, Treasurer
- **Hilary Wicks Morrow.**, Director
- **Dr. Lisa Goodyear**, Director
- **Brian White**, Director
- **Tony Dawe**, Director
- **Julianne Edison**, Director
- **Melanie Callhan**, Director
- **Margo Edison**, Director

“I’m continually in awe of the incredible work we accomplish together at Ronald McDonald House. I am grateful for everyone involved in this charity and honored to give back to our communities during this time.

As I continue my volunteer journey as Board Chair, I am deeply moved by the heartwarming stories from families who have stayed at the house. We are fortunate to have a dedicated, diverse, and skilled team representing Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador on our Board of Directors.”

Angie Brown, incoming Board Chair, RMHC NL.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Newfoundland and Labrador play a vital role in supporting families facing the challenges of having a sick child. Since opening in 2012, they've welcomed over 1,900 families, providing them with a comforting place to stay during difficult times. The estimated savings of more than \$9.3 million highlights the significant financial relief they offer. Each house operates independently with its own Board of Directors, allowing them to tailor their programs and services to the unique needs of the community.

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, Family Time Theatre, resource center, home office, Family Time Park, 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



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Outgoing Board Members



Erin Higdon



Penny McDonald