



Iowa City




**The
House
that Love
Built®**



A Family Together

*A phone call from the doctor's office.
An odd lump under the skin. An alarming
fever. A sudden, frightening accident ...*

 In a moment, a family's world is turned inside out. The most difficult drama in life begins as childhood illness or injury threatens the quiet security of home. In an uncertain time, families far from home with a hospitalized child deserve something they can depend on — as basic as a place to stay. A place to sleep, talk, be with others. Somewhere to gather 'round a home-cooked meal, like families do; to play and plan and worry, like families do. To comfort each other. To rejoice. A home-away-from-home, close to their sick child in a welcoming environment, at a charitable price.

Families with seriously ill children deserve the Iowa City Ronald McDonald House®.

A Gathering of Many Stories

In July 1985, the newly constructed 21-bedroom Iowa City Ronald McDonald House opened its doors for the first time. Since then, more than 7,000 families have added their stories to its history. Stories of heartbreak — stories of miracles. And in a way, the Ronald McDonald House became part of *their* family history, as well.

The private bedrooms and bathrooms; the large, warmly decorated kitchen where families share time and prepare their own meals; the shared "Great Room"; the play area; the recreation room What is offered is a "home base" that has the feel of a real home, just a short walking distance from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. People here can be with others who know the difficulties, who



understand the deeper meanings of small events - sometimes without even saying a word.

And for people whose expenses are already too great a burden, the Ronald McDonald House offers a haven at minimal cost — a nightly fee ranging from just \$3 to \$10 per family, depending on circumstances.

