



# CARE. It's on the House.

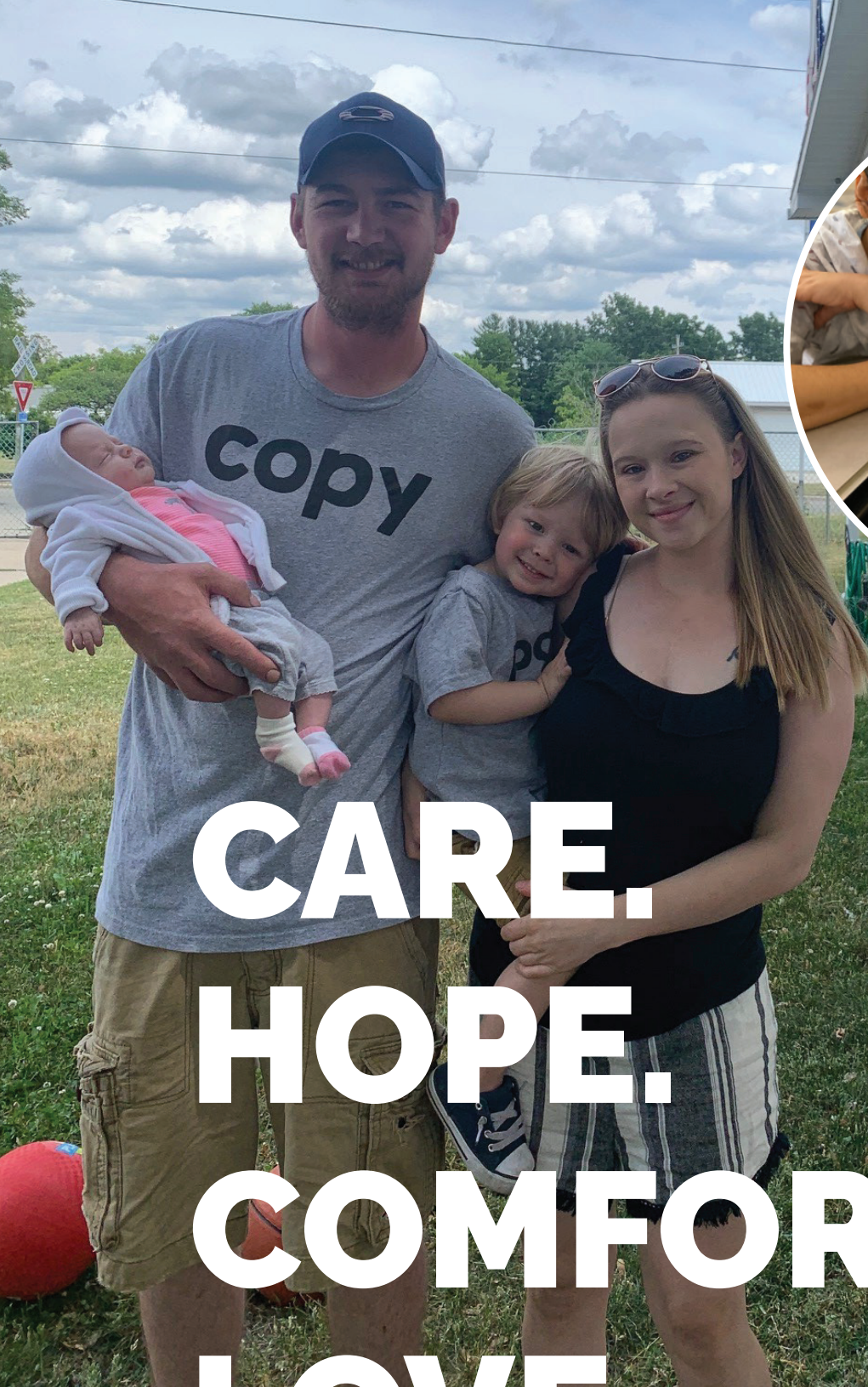


2021 Impact Report



Ronald McDonald House®  
of Western Michigan





**CARE.  
HOPE.  
COMFORT.  
LOVE.**



**MEET OUR FAMILIES**

**IT'S ON  
THE HOUSE.**

## IT'S ON THE HOUSE BECAUSE OF YOU.

It takes a community to support families through meals, transportation, volunteers, and more.



### SWEET TREATS AFTER A LONG DAY

2,000 treats prepared by volunteers to ensure families always had something comforting to come home to.



### ALMOST 1,000 DONORS

made it possible for us to provide the **care, hope, comfort,** and **love** our families needed.

### THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF POP TABS

donated to raise money for RMHWM families.



### 999 VOLUNTEERS

Prepared meals and treats with **care.**



### WARM MEALS PROVIDED DAILY

1,365 meals prepared and 300 catered to keep families fed

## 2021'S YOUNGEST DONOR MAKES AN IMPACT

At the age of three, Josie was diagnosed with Kawasaki Disease and had to spend many nights in the local hospital. Thankfully, they lived nearby so family could stay and friends could visit. Josie knows that not all children are this fortunate. For her 10th birthday, Josie chose to host a 5k to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House! We are so grateful for people like Josie who believe in our mission and want to provide **hope** for families with hospitalized children.



# 2021

## BY THE NUMBERS

238

Families Housed  
for Free\*

3,344

Nights\*

10.8 DAYS

Average Length of Stay

84 DAYS

Longest Stay

\$418,000

Cost Avoidance to Families

17

Siblings

612

Rides To and  
From the Hospital

62

Different Counties

19 FAMILIES

Had Twins, Triplets, or  
Quadruplets

*\*Numbers include both in-house and RMHWM funded hotel stays.*



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# IN 2021

we focused on upgrading the family experience at the House.  
Here is what we did!



## ROOM UPGRADES

All 17 rooms were upgraded with new linens, beds, artwork, and more, providing an exceptional stay experience.

## LAUNDRY SERVICE

Weekly laundry services for families.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Warm and cold breakfasts are now available daily for families before they head to the hospital.

## GOING HOME BAGS

To help families get off on the right foot, we provide everyone with going home bags of baby items, snacks, a gas gift card and more.



**Thank you to our board members for their dedication to the  
Ronald McDonald House families and our mission!**

Mike Dunlap - Chair / Michael Bohnsack - Vice Chair / Josh Laramy - Treasurer  
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# MEET THE MOREFIELD FAMILY

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Jessica and her husband, Michael, from Traverse City tried for 6 years to grow their family. In January 2021, after a trip to the urgent care thinking she had COVID-19, the Morefield's were surprised to learn that they were pregnant! Two weeks later at their first ultrasound they learned it was twins! They were ecstatic about the news but this pregnancy was not without its challenges. Jessica was very sick and ended up being put on bedrest at 21 weeks along. She was doing everything she could to stay healthy and keep them in as long as she could. Unfortunately after many complications Jessica was admitted to the hospital at 24 weeks and 2 days pregnant to be monitored extensively.

Audrey and Parker were born at 28 weeks which required a long NICU stay at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.



HOSPITALIZED  
AT 24 WEEKS



BORN TWO  
MONTHS EARLY



145 MILES  
FROM HOME

The Ronald McDonald House allowed the Morefield's to stay near their twins while they remained at the hospital to reach vital milestones. "The staff at RMH became family. Their love and support kept me going on the hardest days. I couldn't imagine going through this without them," shared Jess.

After 71 days, Audrey was discharged from the NICU, proceeding her brother. She joined her family at the Ronald McDonald House while they visited Parker daily. After 84 days Parker was also discharged and the Morefield's were able to head back home!

Without RMHWM, I don't think I would be doing as well as I am today. From a warm meal at night to them saying 'hi' and asking how the twins are doing, their love and support kept me going even on the hardest days.

—Jess Morefield  
84 Nights At RMHWM



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