

COVID-19 Final Report for Ronald McDonald House Charities (Non-RHIP)
“Ronald McDonald House Charities In-House and Virtual Family Support”

Summary of Results:

- This funding was critical in allowing us to continue to feed Central Oregon families during their stay with us.
- We normally rely on volunteers who come into our houses and cook meals for our families each and every night.
- With our social distancing restrictions and no visitors allowed in the house limitations, without this funding we would not have been able to provide meal service for families.
- And many of our families face food insecurity without this support.
- We have served at least two meals a day, every day, to 17 families from Deschutes County, two families from Crook County and one family from Jefferson County between March 15-June 1, 2020.
- We were able to provide a "home away from home", lodging, and toiletry items to these families during their stay.
- Additionally, this funding helped cover the costs these families would have incurred getting transportation back and forth to their doctors' appointments and hospital visits to be with their sick child.

Story:

We have been serving a Central Oregon family since February 6, 2020 when their son was born via emergency C-section. This little baby has been fighting for his life every single day since birth. His parents stayed at our Ronald McDonald House, every night from February 6th-May 24, 2020. The only reason they checked out on the 24th is that they are flying him to Boston for his forth surgery since birth. Without RMHC, his parents could not have been at his side every day and helping him fight.

Quote:

“We are truly grateful for the support of Central Oregon Health Council. The families who stayed with us during the time period this funding covered never saw a break or decrease in the programs and services and "compassionate hospitality" we were able to provide because of this grant. Without these funds, we likely would not have been able to feed all of the families at the same level we do during normal operations. Thank you for this beautiful gift to these families who so desperately need our support and tenderness during some of the most difficult times in their lives.”