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Where Hope Lives

USING THE POWER OF DESIGN TO BRING HEALING TO THE FAMILIES OF
THE LOS ANGELES RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Mission, Vision, and Values



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OUR MISSION

To provide comfort, care and support to children and families in Southern California.



OUR VISION

A community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy.



OUR VALUES

Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Innovation and Transparency.

About Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House

- Provides a "home away from home" for families of seriously and critically ill children.
- Houses up to 75 families nightly so that they can be close to their hospitalized child.
- Hosts 2,200 families each year.
- Serves several partner hospitals including Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, Shriners' Hospital, Kaiser Hollywood and Cedars-Sinai.
- Amenities include communal kitchens, living areas, playspaces, laundry and courtyards.
- Offers programs and special events to preserve important family milestones of childhood.
- Never charges families to utilize any services.



LARMH Impact



- Bridging access to top medical care for seriously ill children who must travel long distances.
- Bolstering a family's psychological wellbeing by keeping them close together and providing emotional and physical comfort and support during a child's illness.
- Enhancing the child's and family's hospital experience for the child and family.
- Improving the families coping and cohesion and the child's recovery and outcomes.
- Alleviating some of the daily and financial stress of being displaced due to medical treatment far from home.

Additional Partners Engaged



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- **Westedge Design Fair** has named the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House as their charity partner for their 2016 LA event. LARMH will present on the evidence based approach and impact of *Where Hope Lives*.
- **Autry Museum of the American West** will be designing a signature art installation that honors the journeys the families of LARMH have taken to care for their sick children.

History of ASID/House Partnership

Where Hope Lives is re-igniting a longstanding relationship between the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House and the California Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. The partnership has spanned nearly three decades including two previous large redesign projects at LARMH.

1994: Original Design of new wing of efficiency apartments for immunocompromised patients and a refurbishment of the original 1980 facility.

2008: Design of the new Lyman Place Building and a further re-fresh of the original 1980 building.



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Project Description



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In partnership with the California, Los Angeles Chapter American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), LARMH will showcase the unique designs of more than 20 designers, who are industry leaders, emerging professionals and students, to re-imagine guest rooms and select living spaces. The designs will create an environment that facilitates hope and healing for all of the families served.

Design and Healing



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Where Hope Lives will utilize the skills and experience of professional designers in order to create spaces that can facilitate healing for the families who call the Ronald McDonald House home.

The Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House's signature program, Family Support Services has Licensed psychologists, post-doc fellows and doctoral students, many of whom have studied the impact of healing spaces.

Designers will collaborate in a workshop series with FSS and medical professionals to design spaces and a toolkit for future projects to achieve the following goals:

- Create living environments that promote harmony and calm
- Provide stress reduction
- Facilitate quality sleep
- Encourage meaningful relationships and interactions

Project Scope



- The project will entail re-design of all 75 rooms, including an upgrade to our 19 efficiency apartments for families of immunosuppressed patients.
- Re-design of House living room areas, including the original atrium built in 1980.
- Kickoff event for teams will occur in early July.
- A Open House event will occur in late October/early November.
- Design teams will donate design services in full.

Benefits of Participation



- Free workshops with LARMH in-house psychology team about designing for healing spaces and the concept of “psychological home.”
- Invitation to participate in program presentation at Westedge Design Fair.
- Recognition in any publications related to project.
- Inclusion on permanent in main living area of House once renovation is complete.
- Honored at the Open House for design community, Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House supporters and families, media and dignitaries.
- Featured in public relations campaign including project press release, social media strategy, website feature and dedicated e-news letter.
- Prominent ad placement in design project Lookbook that will be distributed at Open House and annual Gala.

Join Us Where Hope Lives



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