

Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House

2016 Year-In-Review

The past year has been a whirlwind of activity at the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House. On December 11, 20 years after we first opened our doors to the public, we cut the ribbon on our long-awaited renovation. The expansion adds 30 new rooms to our House, bringing the total number of rooms to 54. We also added play areas for kids and teens, a library, meeting spaces, and a spacious living room. So many people played a role in this incredible transformation—we are truly grateful for the support of the community and local business for helping to make this expansion a reality.

During the second-half of the year, families were placed in local hotels so they wouldn't be disrupted by the renovation. Each of them continued to receive the care and support they needed to stay rested and connected between their long days and nights in the hospital. Thousands of volunteers took part in activities at the House and during events around the community in support of our program. In 2016, we raised \$225,000 from Walk for Kids, and we honored 8 local leaders at our annual A Few Good Men charity gala. We look forward to more fun-filled events, and a House full of hope and healing, in the year ahead!

FAMILY PROFILE

A very nervous Jesus and Veronica Lopez went into the maternity ward at Loma Linda University Medical Center on April 4, 2011. They weren't nervous about becoming new parents—the couple already had a 15 year-old son. They were nervous because they knew in advance that this new child, one they had hoped for but never expected, would be born with severe heart problems. Their new son Sebastian was rushed into surgery immediately after the delivery. The family, who lives in Victorville, didn't know how they'd be able to stay close to their infant child. A short time later, a hospital case worker referred the family to the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House.

"If it wasn't for the House, I don't think we would've made it," said Jesus. He and Veronica stayed near Sebastian as he underwent three separate surgical procedures during his first two weeks of life. Now several years later, Sebastian has endured seven surgeries, numerous physical therapy sessions, and is living with a tracheotomy. The family anticipates future surgeries and procedures, but find comfort knowing they will always have a place to stay near Sebastian's bedside. "We were able to become a family here," Jesus says about the support they received at the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House.



Key 2016 Stats

Number of rooms	54
Guests served	2,381
Occupancy	98%
Avg. length of stay (days)	8.5
Number of volunteers	869
Volunteer hours	4,066

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