

Long Beach Ronald McDonald House

2016 Year-In-Review

2016 was another busy year at the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House. Towards the end of the year the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House celebrated its five year anniversary! Since opening our doors on December 20, 2011, we've supported more than 3,000 families (12,000 individual guests); 22,000 volunteers have created a true community of care for each of these families, including making 2,000 Meals of Love for our guests at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Our program continues to see an increase in demand for the services and support we provide, particularly among families traveling from outside the United States: our occupancy rate was above 90 percent for several months in 2016, and almost 10 percent of our guests were international residents.

Last year, we were also proud to partner with California Senator Ricardo Lara in launching our new Smile Squad program. The Smile Squad helps inspire civic engagement and volunteerism among youth (ages 8-18), giving them an avenue to help other kids in our community. Once again, our Red Shoe Society for young professionals stepped up for us, raising over \$130,000 from local events they hosted throughout the year. Finally, 2016 represented a milestone for our annual A Few Good Men gala—it was our largest, most successful event to date, attracting 740 guests who helped raise over \$750,000 for children and families staying in our House!



Key 2016 Stats

Number of rooms	23
Guests served	2,824
Occupancy	84%
Avg. length of stay (days)	8.8
Number of volunteers	5,033
Volunteer hours	15,018


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FAMILY PROFILE

Dominic was a happy, healthy five year-old boy when he suddenly dropped to the floor one day while riding his scooter. Dominic's parents, Anthony and Nicole, soon learned their son had suffered a cardiac arrest from an undetected heart condition. Their son lost all motor functions and spent months in the intensive care unit near their family's home in Sydney, Australia. Before long, they learned about a promising course of treatment at the Neurological and Physical Abilitation Center (NAPA), more than 8,000 miles from their home in Southern California.

Anthony quit his job to take care of Dominic's 24-hour medical needs, and to accompany his son on their regular trips to California for treatment. Through it all, the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House has become their safe haven. "After each intensive therapy session, it's nice to know I have a home to come to," says Anthony. "It not just going to anyone's house, and it not just a hotel—you're actually coming home." Since beginning his treatment at the NAPA center, Dominic has started to show tremendous progress. Together with the help of the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House, he and his family are finding comfort and support a long way from home.



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