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# Seven Oaks

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FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SEVEN OAKS

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Meet Your Neighbors,  
The Gorgeous Marjadi Family!

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YOUR STORIES. YOUR FAMILIES. YOUR COMMUNITY.

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**making a difference**

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Ready to break ground!

# The House The Love Built Is *growing!*

Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House

*Home is where the heart is* and it is because of the *big hearts* in this community that Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House (BRMH) is expanding to serve more families in Kern County for years to come. Since 2009, BRMH has become a vital part of the healthcare community, working closely with Bakersfield Memorial Hospital and other regional medical centers to support families who are caring for a sick or injured child. Children whose families stay at the BRMH are often the sickest, have traveled the furthest distances for care and spend the longest time at the hospital.

Seven Oaks resident, Lina Park recently shared why the “small but mighty” House holds a special place in their families’ heart after their experience with their son’s unexpected illness.



Choon, Jessica, Lina, and Brandon Park

“Our son, Brandon was hospitalized with Joint Septic Infection at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital in June 2012. The virus got into his system and infected his elbow. Dr. Todd Shapiro performed emergency surgery and helped to save his life. We spent seven days at the hospital, never leaving his site. During our stay, we were introduced to the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. They gave our family comfort, care and support. Brandon took walks over to the House and we were able to escape from the routine of being in a hospital room 24/7. Our family also was able to take much-needed breaks while Brandon healed. After Brandon was discharged, our daughter (a high school sophomore at the time) felt a tug in her heart to volunteer her time for community service hours at the House. The Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House will always hold a special place in our heart,” shared Lina Park.

It is because of stories like the Park Family and hundred more that BRMH strives to continue its mission of “keeping families close” as the House that love built grows to double in size. The expansion will increase the capacity by more than 100 percent from three guest rooms to six guest rooms plus a napping room. This will help to improve access to family-centered medical care for more than 500 guests on an annual basis, saving an estimated \$500,000 annually in out-of-pocket hotel, travel and meal costs.



We invite you to join in the “expansion celebration” by volunteering, participating in special events and/or making a lasting legacy gift to Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House. Call us to schedule a private tour 661-327-4747 x. 4290 or visit us on the web at: [www.RMHCS.org/Bakersfield](http://www.RMHCS.org/Bakersfield)

*Ready to show your love and support the Heart of the House? Join us for BRMH Battle of the Bags on Thursday, July 26 at 7pm hosted by BMW of Bakersfield. It's a fabulous “Girls Night Out” with vintage and designer handbags, live and silent auction, tasty treats, drinks and exciting prizes! For more information, please contact Janelle Capra at 661-979-7609 or email [Janelle@caprapr.com](mailto:Janelle@caprapr.com).*