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Meet Your New Neighbors,
RICHARD AND EMILY HERNANDEZ!

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Ready to break ground

The House The Love Built Is *growing!*

Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House



making a difference

Contributed by **Janelle Capra**, Guest Contributor

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.

Rio Bravo resident, Jim Darling shared his experience and personal connection to Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House:

“Our family stayed at the LA Ronald McDonald House when our daughter Allie had major surgery at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. The Ronald McDonald House made a big difference for our family during a stressful time. Ronald McDonald House Charities is truly one of the greatest charities in the world and I’m so proud and grateful that I got to play a role in opening the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House and am now serving as Capital Campaign

Director to help secure much-needed major gifts for the next chapter of the House,” shared Jim Darling.

It is because of stories like the Darling 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.



Jim Darling



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

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