



**Ronald McDonald
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Northern Alberta

Fifth Year Brings Out the Best

Incredible fundraising efforts in Grande Prairie support Edmonton's Ronald McDonald House®

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The fifth annual 'Shoot for the House' event in Grande Prairie brought out the best in the community and raised a record breaking amount of funds for the Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton.

"We don't know what to say about the community of GP except that we are so lucky to be a part of it", says Megan Durda, Donor Relations Officer with RMHCNA in Grande Prairie. "The people who participate are giving from the bottom of their hearts and it is an amazing thing to witness".

This annual event involves a day full of activity, including breakfast, clay shooting, and is capped off with a dinner and auction. This year the community raised over \$240,000 on Saturday, September 9th, which goes directly to supporting the Ronald McDonald House.

Over 45% of families staying at the House in Edmonton come from Northern Alberta, many of them from Grande Prairie. Several families who have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House were in attendance Saturday night at the event. House Mom Jennifer Gray spoke at the event bringing awareness about the programs and services they experienced during their stay to the participants. When a quilt went up for auction the winner of the auction turned around and donated the quilt to the Gray family in a very touching moment for all who were there.

The event has grown from 40 participants and volunteers to over 300 in five years and has become Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta's largest one day fundraiser. The event is vital to ensure programs and services are available to families when they need it most.

"We might miss all the clay pigeons we aim for but we are right on target when it comes to supporting RMHCNA", says Jeff Goulden, a father whose family has had to stay at a Ronald McDonald House.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Alberta

All Ronald McDonald Houses are independently owned and operated non-profit organizations. Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Alberta (RMHCNA) is the only facility in Edmonton and the surrounding area that provides temporary and affordable accommodation for families whose children are being treated in one of Edmonton's medical facilities. Since 1985 RMHCNA has helped over 20,000 families. Website: www.rmhcna.org