



Grande Prairies Makes the Impossible, Possible
Incredible fundraising efforts support Edmonton's Ronald McDonald House®

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For the fourth year in a row the community of Grande Prairie came together to raise funds and have fun while supporting the Ronald McDonald House®.

“No community cares like GP,” says Dale Bond, Development Manager for RMHCNA in Grande Prairie, “The event was about heart, and there was no shortage of love shared that day amongst the group who attended”.

This annual event called Shoot for the House involves a day full of activity, including breakfast, clay shooting, and capped off with a dinner and auction. This year the community raised a record breaking \$230,000 in support of the Ronald McDonald House.

“Every year Grande Prairie amazes us, with their dedication to supporting the House and their commitment to ensuring families are supported during their most difficult times,” says Martin Dugas, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta®.

In 2016 alone over 55 families from Grande Prairie and area have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House while seeking treatment for their ill or injured child in one of Edmonton's medical facilities. Over 76% of families staying at the Ronald McDonald House are from Alberta with over 45% of those families coming from communities in Northern Alberta.

The event has grown from 40 participants to over 350 in just four 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.

“Watching the participants, their families and the myriad of volunteers come together to support families from our community with sick and injured children at this year's event was both uplifting and powerful”, says Barry Davis of On Fire BBQ, one of the event's presenting sponsors.