



# Legacy of Love

# Our families come first

As CEO, I have the privilege of leading a team of dedicated staff and volunteers with one mission in mind, families first.

Our House is a safe haven for our sick and injured children and their families. We strive to create a space where kids can be kids and families can stay by their child's side as they undergo life-saving treatment.

Having been with the organisation for over 18 years, I have witnessed the impact that Ronald McDonald House has had on families from all walks of life, who have a sick child and need to travel 100km+ for medical care.

My hope is you are inspired by our families' stories and it inspires you to help us provide our vital programs to keep families close.

This simple and profound act can change the lives of our families, because all gifts – no matter the size, ensure your legacy of love leaves a lasting impact.

We've put this guide together as a helpful tool to assist you in supporting your decision. Please feel free to contact Jamie Savage, our Senior Fundraising Coordinator to have a private and confidential conversation using the contact details on the back page.

Thank you for taking a moment to consider us.



Simone Daher  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Ronald McDonald House Sydney**





# Meet Archie

When Archie started to show signs of a common viral infection, doctor's believed that it was just something going around day care.

But, with his symptoms getting worse, his parents decided to take action.

After arriving at the emergency department, Archie was admitted quickly and went through a series of tests including an x-ray.

The results showed that Archie had severe pneumonia and group A streptococcal septic shock. His little body was shutting down.

Mum, Sarah says

***"Being able to stay at the House has made a world of difference to us. As our son was in such a critical condition for weeks, we were able to be by his bedside all day."***

# Meet Eli

Eli was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

His family had relocated from their home on the far south coast of NSW to ensure Eli could receive the urgent care he needed.

For the next nine months, they called Ronald McDonald House in Randwick their home.

Dakota, Eli's mum says

***"I don't know what we would have done if the House didn't exist, as we live too far... to travel back to the hospital every day. We would have had to stay in a cheap hotel and get local jobs, instead of being present for Eli."***





## How Your Legacy Will Create Lasting Impact

When families first arrive at Ronald McDonald House in Randwick, they are facing one of the toughest journeys of their lives. Their child has just been diagnosed with a serious illness or has had a serious injury, and they are suddenly navigating hospital stays, emergency visits, and time away from loved ones—all while managing the emotional and financial strain.

That's where we step in. Our House provides free accommodation and a vital support system, allowing families to focus on what matters most—their child.

But a night at our House is more than just a place to sleep. It means:

- A home away from home—free, supported accommodation
- A built-in community—other families, staff, and volunteers offering comfort and understanding
- Proximity to care—just a 5-minute walk to Sydney Children's Hospital
- Nutritious meals—cooked by our generous supporters throughout the week
- Education support—on-site teachers and 40 hours of free tuition when the patient returns home

**By including a gift in your Will to Ronald McDonald House Sydney today, you can make sure we continue to provide these vital services and ensure our sick kids have the best medicine of all - their family.**

# Why do I need a Will?

More than half of Australians don't have a Will, leaving their loved ones vulnerable to legal and financial uncertainty. A Will ensures that your wishes are honored, from providing for your family to supporting the causes you care about. Without one, the government decides how your assets are distributed, which can lead to delays, disputes, and unintended outcomes.

Creating a Will doesn't have to be complicated or costly. No matter your age or financial situation, having a Will gives you control, protects your legacy, and provides peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

One of the best things you can do to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families who stay at the House or use our Family Rooms is to leave a gift in your Will to Ronald McDonald House Sydney. These gifts help us plan with confidence to reach our long-term goals. We will use your gift where it's needed most at the time, so that regardless of how far into the future that is, it will have the greatest impact for our sick kids.

Your 'Legacy of Love' will make such a big difference to sick children and their families.

**Please scan the QR code if you would like to know more about making your Will online or visit <https://safewill.com/ronaldmcdonaldhousesydney>.**



**Scan the QR Code**  
to learn more



# How do I leave a gift in my Will?

Including Ronald McDonald House Sydney in your Will is easy. If you already have a Will, then all you need to do to join our family and leave a Legacy of Love is to add a codicil, which is a short legal amendment to your existing Will.

If you do not have a Will, all you need is our ABN 29 907 192 147 and registered name – Ronald McDonald House Sydney.

If you decide to include Ronald McDonald House Sydney in your Will, there are three types of gift you can consider:

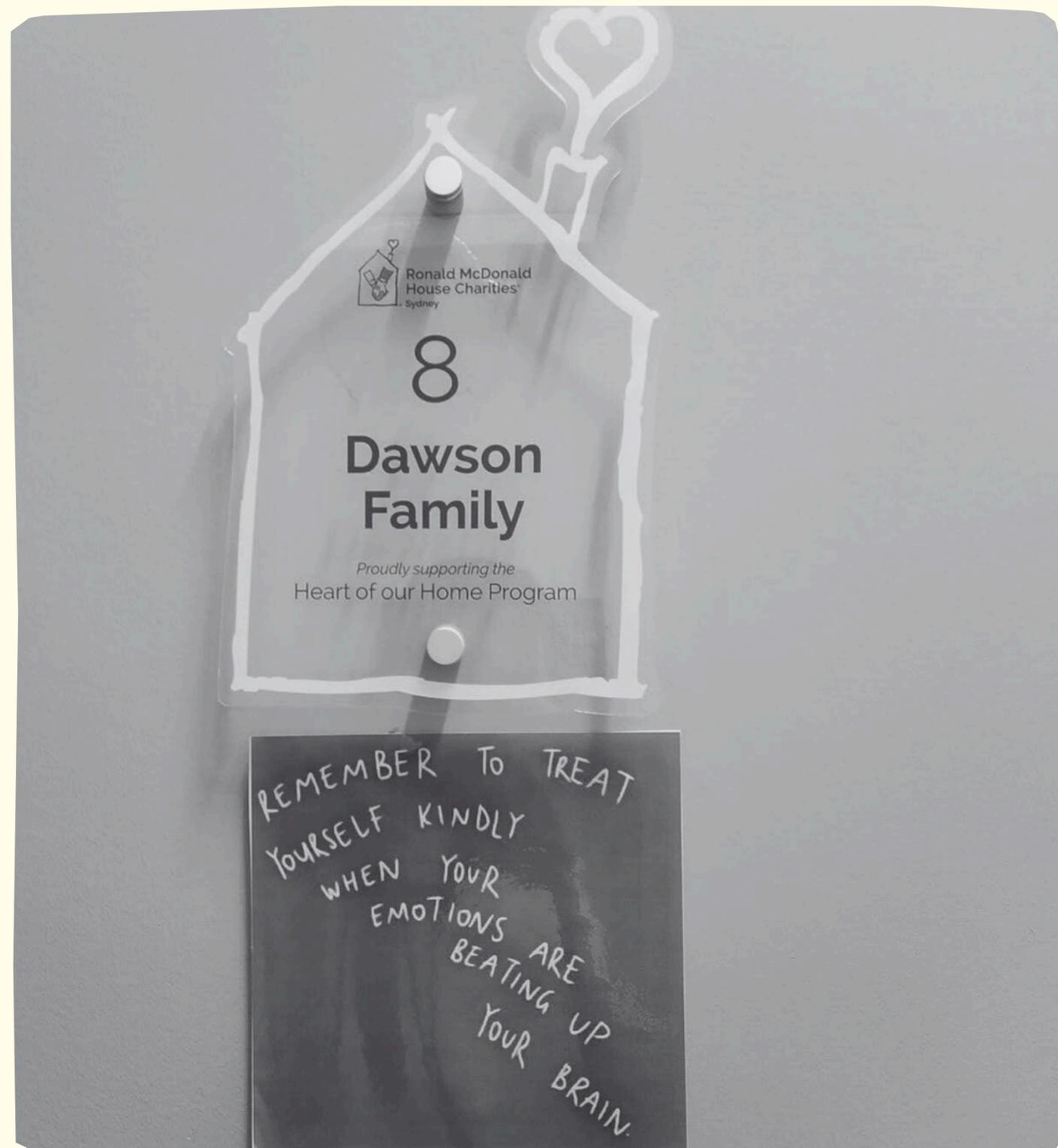
- A 'monetary gift' is a fixed dollar amount
- A 'specific gift' is a possession or item (such as shares or property).
- A 'residuary gift' is a percentage of the residue of your estate once your other wishes have been carried out

Example of wording:

*I give to Ronald McDonald House Sydney ABN 29 907 192 147 of 149 - 151 Barker Street Randwick NSW 2031 a gift of **(insert your choice of a specific sum or percent share of your residuary estate)** for its general purposes.*

**Thanks to our partnership with Safewill, Australia's most trusted online Will-writing platform you are able to safely and securely write your Will. Please contact us directly for more information via [supporting.sydney@ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.au](mailto:supporting.sydney@ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.au).**





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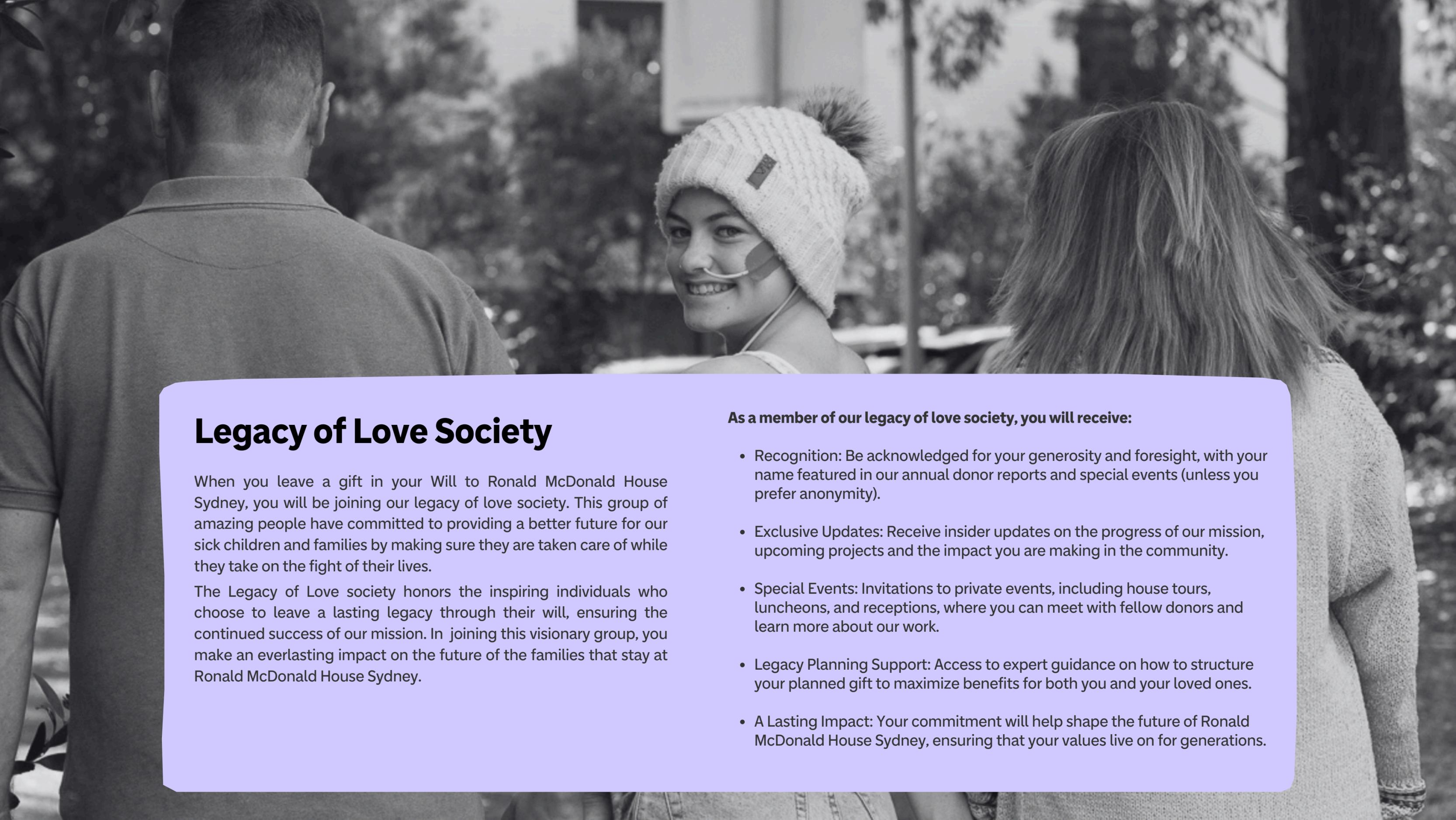
*Our family has been supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities Sydney since 2013. We believe the work they do makes such a difference. The families they help are already dealing with such a devastating situation of having a sick child, that they don't need the stress of the logistics of finding accommodation and organising food on top of it all.*

*Over the years the room we sponsor, Room 8 has become something that our children know about, and they have done their own bit to help support Ronald McDonald House in Randwick (eg organising small gifts for Mother's Day for all the Mums (and Dads) in the House that day), and they are very aware of the work they do and the families they support.*

*The very real and tangible impact of their work is why we are leaving a bequest in our Will. Ronald McDonald House in Randwick is a very special place and I urge supporters to visit the House and see the difference they are making.*

*I hope it inspires you to leave a gift and make a difference in the lives of these families.*

*Nikki*



## Legacy of Love Society

When you leave a gift in your Will to Ronald McDonald House Sydney, you will be joining our legacy of love society. This group of amazing people have committed to providing a better future for our sick children and families by making sure they are taken care of while they take on the fight of their lives.

The Legacy of Love society honors the inspiring individuals who choose to leave a lasting legacy through their will, ensuring the continued success of our mission. In joining this visionary group, you make an everlasting impact on the future of the families that stay at Ronald McDonald House Sydney.

### As a member of our legacy of love society, you will receive:

- **Recognition:** Be acknowledged for your generosity and foresight, with your name featured in our annual donor reports and special events (unless you prefer anonymity).
- **Exclusive Updates:** Receive insider updates on the progress of our mission, upcoming projects and the impact you are making in the community.
- **Special Events:** Invitations to private events, including house tours, luncheons, and receptions, where you can meet with fellow donors and learn more about our work.
- **Legacy Planning Support:** Access to expert guidance on how to structure your planned gift to maximize benefits for both you and your loved ones.
- **A Lasting Impact:** Your commitment will help shape the future of Ronald McDonald House Sydney, ensuring that your values live on for generations.



# Your Legacy of Love

If you are thinking of helping us secure the future of our sick kids and families and leaving a gift in your Will, we would love to chat with you and see how we can make the process much simpler.

Please email Lori Brine, Fundraising Manager at [lori.brine@ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.au](mailto:lori.brine@ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org.au) to learn more about leaving a Legacy of Love.

**All information discussed will be in the strictest of confidence.**

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