



Keeping families close

## THE STRENGTH OF **FAMILY**

When Olivia Bellamy began experiencing continuous elbow and shoulder pain in July 2017, her parents, Gene and Brandi, did what every good parent would do: they took her to a doctor. Then, they took her to another doctor...and another...and another. Seven months later, Olivia had been to nearly 50 specialists, doctors and hospitals — all with no answers.

“They did X-rays, they did MRIs...they said nothing is wrong. It’s just stress,” said Gene.



*Olivia Bellamy plays with blocks post-surgery at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health.*

On March 2, 2018, Olivia collapsed and became unresponsive. She was rushed to the emergency room in her hometown of La Porte, IN where doctors discovered a 4” tumor on her brain. Her little body failing quickly, three-year-old Olivia was in need of advanced medical care. She was Lifelined to Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis, where she immediately underwent surgery to drain more than 150cc’s of fluid from her brain. Two days later, she had another surgery to remove the tumor. Though they were able to remove the tumor itself, the membrane still remained. Soon after, they received the news: Olivia had been diagnosed with a malignant embryonal tumor — an aggressive and fast-growing form of cancer.

Currently in her second round of chemotherapy, Olivia has a long road of treatments ahead of her, including several more months of chemo and surgery to correct optic nerves damaged by the tumor. Despite this, Gene and Brandi remain optimistic, citing her strength and independence. “Three days after surgery she was up and walking around,” said Gene. “She’s strong — she takes after her Daddy.”

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Staying at the Ronald McDonald House has allowed the Bellamy family to be by Olivia’s side through every treatment. Though she is currently inpatient at Riley Hospital, Olivia was able to stay at the House for two weeks between treatments. During that time, her parents say that she became best friends with Mac, the House’s Chief Cheer Officer and therapy dog, and enjoyed playing with other children in the playroom.

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*Brandi (left), Olivia and Gene Bellamy enjoy a night of fun at Riley Prom.*

The family is preparing to relocate to Indianapolis to be closer to the Riley doctors and specialists. Despite everything that’s happening, they still find time to give back — going as far as making an elaborate dinner for all of the houseguests on a night that a pre-scheduled meal group had cancelled.

“[The Ronald McDonald House] was a lifesaver. Not having to pay for a hotel that I can’t afford, being able to be close to her. If something were to happen, I can be at the hospital in just a couple of seconds. This place is a godsend for a lot of families — including mine.”

# A LETTER FROM OUR **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Thorpe Miller, AVP Sales & Marketing, IMCU, presents Michelle Study-Campbell, CEO, RMHCCIN, with more than \$8,000 in donations from debit card give back program.

Can you believe that 2018 is nearly half way over? I'm excited that summer is around the corner, bringing with it many fun and exciting opportunities here at our House!

Recently, we were pleased to welcome dozens of stakeholders, board members and state legislators through our doors to discuss 2017 outcomes and plans for 2018 during our *State of the House* Breakfast and Annual Meeting. We said goodbye to long-time board members, Chris Lake (2005-2018), Partner at *DELV Design*, and Kurt Beier (2010-2018), Sr. Manager at *Blue & Co., LLC*, and witnessed a changing of the guard as our former Board President David Peterson, Sr. VP of Business Development & Marketing at *ERMCO, Inc.*, passed the baton to incoming President, Alicia Schulhof, Sr. VP of Continuous Process Improvement at *Indiana University Health*. We welcome Alicia as she steps into this new role and extend a big, RMHCCIN thank you to Chris, Kurt & David for their dedication and support of our mission.

We'd also like to extend a thank you to our presenting partner, **Indiana Members Credit Union**, who presented our House with a check of more than \$8,000 from their debit card give back program, and to the **Osmon Family**, who shared their incredible story. Also, special congratulations to our partners **CFH Enterprises** and **Safelite AutoGlass** who took home our inaugural Corporate Philanthropy Awards for their exceptional support and dedication to our families.

Looking forward we have a lot more in store over the next few months — much of which you will find in the following pages! Be sure to read on for more information on how you can get involved and to see what our families are up to.

Until next time!

Michelle Study-Campbell  
Chief Executive Officer

## CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT | **McDonald's of Central Indiana**



Each year, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana serves thousands of families that look to us in search of comfort, care and respite. Partners in our Founder's Circle support our mission with an annual giving level of \$20,000+ and play a critical role in bringing to life our vision of nurturing a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy.

As our mission partner, McDonald's of Central Indiana has been there from the very beginning. Whether they are preparing a meal, hosting a fundraising campaign, celebrating RMHCCIN dads at our annual Father's Day lunch or supporting our cause through partnerships — we know that McDonald's is always there when we need them.

Though words cannot fully express the gratitude and thanks we extend to our local owner/operators for their continued support — the smiles on our families' faces certainly can. Thank you for being a part of our RMHCCIN family.



# AROUND THE HOUSE

## OUR 2ND ANNUAL BLINGO EVENT WAS A DAZZLING SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who joined us on Saturday, April 21 for our second annual Blingo event! Brunch was had, mimosas were sipped and jewelry was won! Most importantly, with your help we **raised over \$12,000** to help keep families together and near the care and resources they need! A special thank you to our presenting partner, **Indiana Member's Credit Union**, and special guest Ben Higgins for making the morning possible!

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for more photos from the event!



### THANK YOU BLINGO PARTNERS!

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We're feeling the girl power at RMHCCIN! From princesses to super heroes & everything in between our friends at Kindness & Courage Co. brought lots of smiles to our kiddos' faces!



Our "Create & Rejuvenate" sessions have been a big hit with our families. Thank you to IUPUI student, Bailee Chilman, for introducing our families to the benefits of art therapy!



### SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

As a part of our mission, not only do we provide a supportive "home-away-from-home" for families of children receiving medical care, but we also champion programs that improve the health, education and well-being of children. Earlier this month, 20 Central IN graduating seniors were awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to continue their education. Congrats, Scholars!



### INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS SUPERHERO NIGHT

Thanks to our friends at the Indianapolis Indians, RMHCCIN raised more than \$8,500 through the auction of limited-edition Wonder Woman jerseys at the May 12th Super Hero Night!. The Hinton family, who stayed at our House in 2013, also got to throw out the first pitch at the game!



### MOTHER'S DAY TEA

We were excited to celebrate moms with our annual Mother's Day Tea at the House within Riley Hospital! During what is often a very hard and emotional time, our moms were treated to a few moments of pampering, gifts and delicious treats thanks to fellow-mom and former houseguest, Katie Duckett. Thank you, Katie!



### BE A PART OF THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT

Volunteers are the **heart of our House** — and we'd love to have you join our team! Whether you are looking for an on-going commitment or want to share a special gift or talent on a short-term basis, there is a way for you to make a difference at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana! **Volunteer opportunities include:** assisting families and staff at the House, serving a meal, preparing frozen casseroles, hosting family activities and more!

**Want to learn how you can get involved?** Contact **Mary Friend**, Volunteer Resources Manager at (317) 267-0605, ext. 225 or [mfriend@rmhccin.org](mailto:mfriend@rmhccin.org).



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### 12th Annual Heroes for the House 5K

**Calling all superheroes!** Grab your running shoes, assemble a team and make your way to the NCAA Hall of Champions for **IREM Indy's 12th Annual Heroes for the House 5K** event on Saturday, June 16!

Suitable for heroes of all ages, the event features a dog-friendly and stroller-friendly course, cash prizes, a "Rookie Run" for heroes-in-training (ages 2-10), post-race pizza party, games and more — all while raising money for the House!

For more information or to register, please visit [heroesforthehouse.org](http://heroesforthehouse.org).



### 14th Annual Pop Tab & Coin Drop

Get your pop tabs ready — our **14th Annual Pop Tab & Coin Drop** will be held **Friday, July 20** from **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Join us for an afternoon of fun as we collect millions of pop tabs right on Monument Circle! This free and family-friendly event includes games, live music, food trucks and more. You won't want to miss it!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2018 RMHCCIN & COMMUNITY EVENTS!

Saturday, <b>June 16</b>	<b>Heroes for the House 5K</b> // NCAA Hall of Champions, Indianapolis
Saturday, <b>June 23</b>	<b>3v3 Live National Soccer Tournament</b> // McCordsville, IN
Friday, <b>July 20</b>	<b>Pop Tab &amp; Coin Drop</b> // Monument Circle, Indianapolis
Friday, <b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Taste Gala</b> // Biltwell Event Center, Indianapolis
Tuesday, <b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Home for the Holidays Open House</b> // Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis