



Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Central Indiana

POP TAB

Collection Program



2026 Information Guide

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About Us



OUR VISION

Nurturing a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy.

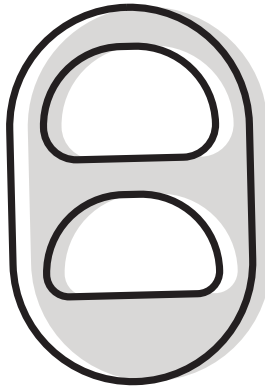
OUR MISSION

To provide a supportive “home-away-from-home” for families of children receiving medical care at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and other area hospitals, and to champion programs that improve the health, education and well-being of children.

OUR STORY

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana (RMHCCIN) opened in 1982 on the IUPUI campus. With only 24 rooms, the need for lodging very quickly outgrew our capacity. A new wing was built in 1989, adding 20 guest rooms and six apartments designed for the special needs of transplant patients and their families. Two additional guest rooms were added in 2001, resulting in the current 52 room capacity at our primary location. In 2004, we expanded our services into Riley Hospital for Children, building six new guest rooms specifically for families with a child in one of Riley’s critical care units and a day respite area for any family with an inpatient at Riley Hospital. Our goal is to embrace all families with sick or injured children being treated in Indianapolis-area hospitals without regard to income. While a donation of \$15 per family per night is requested to help cover the actual operating cost of \$101, no family is ever turned away from the House due to their inability to pay.

Why Pop Tabs?



WHAT CAN A TEENY TINY TAB DO THAT A WHOLE CAN CAN'T?

Although the whole can is valuable, the tab is much cleaner and easier to collect in large quantities than whole cans. The tab of a standard can is made of high quality, high-grade aluminum. By itself, it doesn't mean much but when we pull together, pop tabs add up and become valuable donations to the Ronald McDonald House.

Pop tabs are also a fun, inexpensive way for individuals, schools and organizations to get involved with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana and make a difference in the community. When you pull for The House That Love Built, you:



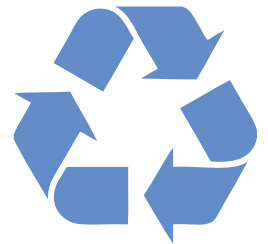
Raise awareness



Make new friends



Raise money



Protect the environment



Provide a “home-away-from-home” for more than 5,000 families each year

POP TABS REMIND US OF AN IMPORTANT LESSON:

Even little things make a big difference.

Getting Started

IT'S EASY TO START COLLECTING, WHETHER YOU ARE COLLECTING BY YOURSELF OR WITH A GROUP!

1



Additional details can be found at:

www.rmhccin.org/get-involved/pop-tabs/

This link is for informational purposes only; no outreach or inquiries are needed.

2



Make your pop tab container: One of the most exciting parts of pop tab collecting is getting creative and coming up with a fun, unique container to collect your tabs in! There's no need for anything fancy, although unusual designs do generate more enthusiasm. Groups have been known to use everything from coffee cans and water jugs to garbage cans, tote boxes, and even fish tanks. This can be a great opportunity to get your art class or group "crafter" involved in creating a container!

Whatever you choose to use, make sure it's sturdy! Individually, pop tabs do not weigh much. However, when collecting large quantities, the weight adds up quickly! We also offer a limited number of small collection boxes that can be picked up at our Limestone street location.

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Place your containers in a convenient, visible location, whether in your home or in a meeting space and start collecting! The most fun part of this program is watching your progress and seeing the containers fill up!

Starting a pop tab program with your group is a great way to teach younger generations about the benefits of giving back to the community.

F.A.Q.

Q: WHAT ARE THE POP TABS USED FOR?

A: The aluminum pop tabs are recycled, just like you would recycle plastic containers or newspapers. The money generated from recycling the tabs is used in a general operating budget to ensure that the House remains open for families of sick or injured children.

Q: HOW MUCH DO YOU RECEIVE FROM RECYCLING POP TABS?

A: The price of aluminum changes on a regular basis depending on the supply and demand. On average, the Ronald McDonald House receives \$0.40-.60 per pound of aluminum tabs. As of 2019, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana has received over \$820,000 in revenue from the pop tab program since its inception in 1995.

Q: HOW MANY PARTICIPATE IN THE “COLLECT-A-MILLION” CLUB?

A: Over 300 schools, individuals and organizations from across Indiana and surrounding states have collected over one billion tabs for the House.

Q: CAN I JUST BRING THE WHOLE CAN WHEN DROPPING OFF MY TABS?

A: Due to our limited space, we cannot accept whole cans when donations are made to the House. However, you can always bring the cans to your nearest recycling center and mail a check to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana with a note re: pop tab program.

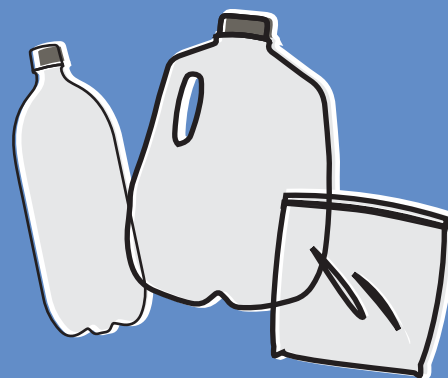
Q: HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN WE HAVE COLLECTED ONE MILLION TABS?

A: There is no reason to count individual tabs unless you want to have students count them as part of a related project. The best way to keep track of the number of tabs collected is to estimate. You can do this by weighing the tabs on a scale. Use the Pop “Tab-ulations” guide on the right to estimate your total.

Pop “Tab-ulations”

1,000 tabs = 1 lb.

1 million tabs = 1,000 lb.



Common Containers

Sandwich Size Ziploc:	0.5 lb.
2L Bottle:	1.75 lb.
Large Oatmeal Container:	2 lb.
Gallon Sized Ziploc:	2.5 lb.
Gallon Milk Jug:	3 lb.
1 Copy Paper Box:	24 lb.
32 Gallon Trash Bag:	80 lb.

“COLLECT-A-MILLION” CLUB

Many groups & schools enjoy setting a goal of collecting one million tabs. By collecting one million tabs, your school, business or civic group becomes a member of the Ronald McDonald House “Collect-A-Million” Club. Hundreds of groups across the state of Indiana have become members by supporting this worthwhile fundraising project. Once the goal has been reached, groups will receive a “Collect-A-Million” plaque.

Dropping Off Tabs

THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE YOUR POP TAB COLLECTION TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE.

PLEASE CHOOSE WHICHEVER IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR YOU:

1



Drop off your pop tabs at the Ronald McDonald House, located at 435 Limestone Street on the IU Indianapolis campus near downtown Indianapolis. Tabs may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you are dropping off a large quantity of tabs (say, over 100,000) or if you have reached your million tabs goal, please contact us ahead of time. At this time the Ronald McDonald House cannot pick up the tabs from your group, school or organization.

2



Deliver your tabs to a participating local Recycling Partner (see page 8) throughout the state of Indiana. Make sure you tell them they are for the “Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis”. **Also, make sure to tell them the name of your group and its complete mailing address, along with a contact name and phone number.**

3



Drop off your pop tabs at the local McDonald's restaurant. Many McDonald's accept pop tabs on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana. Please contact your local restaurant beforehand to see if they will accept your tabs.

(Note: Indiana tabs dropped off at McDonald's restaurants are shipped to the distribution center in Ohio where they are combined with tabs from Ohio tab collectors. All of the tabs are combined, and the proceeds are split evenly between Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana and the Ronald McDonald House in Ohio.)

If none of the above can work for you, then take your tabs to your nearest scrap metal or recycling processing business, collect the money they offer, and send that (in the form of a check) made out to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, Attn: Pop Tab Program, 435 Limestone Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Remember to **include the name of your group, your complete mailing address, a contact name and telephone number.**

Contact **Meredith Smith** at **(317) 267-0605, ext. 235** or **msmith@rmhccin.org**, if you have any questions.

Recycling Partners

OmniSource – West St.

2115 S West St.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Phone: (317) 381-5800

OmniSource – Oliver Avenue

2210 Oliver Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46221
Phone: (317) 381-5800

OmniSource – Keystone Avenue

850 S Keystone Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203
Phone: (317) 974-1000

OmniSource – Northside

1212 E 25th St
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Phone: (317) 937-2727

Material Recycling

2340 N Burkhardt Rd
Evansville, IN 47715-2156
Phone: (812) 476-6422

Oscar Winski Co., Inc.

2407 N 9th St Rd
Lafayette, IN 47904
Phone: (765) 742-1102

Recycling Center, Inc.

630 South M St
Richmond, IN 47374
Phone: (765) 966-8295

Pike County Solid Waste

703 East Main Street
Petersburg, IN 47567
Phone: (812) 354-2924

Sugar Creek Scrap, Inc.

1201 West National Avenue
West Terre Haute, IN 47885
Phone: (812) 533-2147

Metro Recyclers

1501 East Main Street
Griffith, IN 46319
Phone: (219) 922-1830

Kroots Recycler

2915 State Street
Columbus, IN 47201
Phone: (812) 372-1815

Phillips Iron & Metal

1515 East 22nd Street
Anderson, IN 46016-4613
Phone: (765) 644-6649

Wright's Salvage

4466 South Old 41
Sullivan, IN 47864
Phone: (812) 268-3206

South Bend Waste Paper

PO Box 2347
South Bend, IN 46613
Phone: (574) 234-7181

Sam Winer & Co., Inc.

923 Edwardsburg Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46514
Phone: (574) 293-9031

Crossroads Recycling

100 Eastview Dr.
Franklin, IN 46131
Phone: (317) 736-6099

Schneider's Scrap Metal

506 W. Eckert St.
Osgood, IN 47037
Phone: (812) 689-4549

Serve-All

4400 New Haven Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
Phone: (260) 420-2273

Goodman & Wolf

1350 S. College Ave
Terre Haute, IN 47802
Phone: (812) 234-4612

Want to do More?

THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL INDIANA! FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN...



Become a Champion for the House: Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and share our information with family and friends!



Host Jar Wars: Create a competition between teams, classrooms, departments, etc. to raise money for the House. The goal for “Jar Wars” is to collect as many pennies as possible in your team’s jar and put as many non-pennies into everyone else’s jar. Pennies give your team positive points while nickels, dimes, quarters, etc. take points away from the total. It’s a fun way to stir some friendly competition and raise money for a good cause.



Provide a Meal: After a long day at the hospital, there’s nothing more appreciated than a home-cooked meal. Get together with friends, family or co-workers to plan a menu and prepare a comforting meal for our families. You can also help provide a freezer meal to feed RMHCCIN families when we have a cancellation or do not have a meal group pre-scheduled. You bring the ingredients and a disposable pan, we provide the kitchen. [Learn more here.](#)



Shop From Our Amazon Wishlist: With up to 58 families under our roof at one time we are always in need of things such as toiletries, household items, canned foods, etc. With free delivery on most items, shopping from our [Amazon Wish List](#) is an easy way to ensure our families receive exactly what they need.



Bake Cookies: There is nothing better than coming home to the smell of fresh baked cookies in the kitchen. This is a fun and easy act of kindness you can do with the whole family. You provide the ingredients, we’ll provide the kitchen. This sweet treat is sure to brighten our families’ day!



Become a Volunteer: Come be an on-going part of the House that Love Built! Learn all about our wonderful volunteer opportunities at [rmhccin.org](#).



Host Your Own Fundraiser: Host a bake sale, lemonade stand, charity softball game or even a 5k! Your imagination is the limit when it comes to ways to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana! [Learn more here.](#)



Service Projects: There are many opportunities for individuals, groups and businesses to help us continue keeping families close. Some of these opportunities include: assembling welcome & going home bags, blanket making, cleaning and more! Learn more at [rmhccin.org](#).

The possibilities to help the Ronald McDonald House are endless! For more information on opportunities listed above, visit our website at [rmhccin.org](#).