

Sarah's Story

Sarah Hegarty was a gifted athlete and a typical teenager, that is until her health was suddenly threatened. She needed an organ donation and transplant. Sarah's family came to rely on a nearby Ronald McDonald House during Sarah's long stays at the hospital. Sarah received a new liver, intestine and pancreas, but it was not enough, and she lost her fight for life March 16, 1998.

In her memory and inspired by her courageous spirit, Sarah's Stride came to be.

Ronald McDonald House - Celebrating 25 years

For 25 years, our House has been witness to countless moving, deeply personal stories. The medical reasons that bring families to the House are as unique as each child, but the impact of the child's illness on each family is similar. When a child becomes ill, the family's entire world suddenly is turned inside out. Physically, financially and emotionally stressed, families find themselves at our front door...a house built with love and filled with hope.

The Ronald McDonald House is bursting at the seams. Just five years ago, we had plenty of rooms to accommodate families. Now we're serving 1,200 families each year, putting it at nearly 100% occupancy all the time. On top of that, families are staying for months at a time so their child can be close to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin while they undergo long-term, life-saving medical treatments that weren't available just a few years ago. The House has 38 rooms, but more are needed to meet the growing needs of the families and Children's Hospital.

For two years, our Board has been studying hospital data and family census to determine how extensive our expansion project will need to be to keep up with the growth of Children's Hospital.

Sarah's Stride will be the spring board to help underwrite the cost of the expansion project. Expansion plans are still a work in progress. The announcement will be coming shortly after the Run/Walk.

For more information, visit
www.rmhcMilwaukee.com

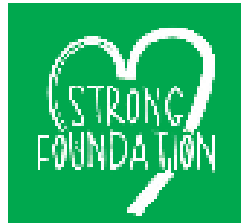
Not running, but still want to help?

If you won't be able to join in the Run/Walk, but would still like to make a donation, simply fill out and clip this form, and mail with your check (check should be made out to RMHC of Eastern Wisconsin) to:

Sarah's Stride/Ronald McDonald House Charities
8948 Watertown Plank Road
Wauwatosa, WI 53226-4802

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Enclosed is my contribution to help cover the costs of families staying at the House:
\$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____
My gift is in memory of _____

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Presents

Sarah's Stride

Short Track Series

For all the families of the
Ronald McDonald House



Sarah Hegarty Memorial
5K Run/2-mile Walk
Saturday, May 16th, 2009
5:00 p.m



Photo courtesy of Jim Bovin

A HartFest Event

starting at Hart Park

On-site registration begins at 3:30 p.m.
near the Rotary Performance Pavilion.

Race Management by Badgerland Striders
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