

# Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada

Financial statements  
December 31, 2023



# Independent auditor's report

To the Members of  
**Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada**

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada** ["RMHC Canada"], which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of operations and changes in fund balances and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of RMHC Canada as at December 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of RMHC Canada in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing RMHC Canada's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate RMHC Canada or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing RMHC Canada's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of RMHC Canada's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on RMHC Canada's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause RMHC Canada to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Toronto, Canada  
June 5, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants



# Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada

## Statement of financial position

As at December 31

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,568,673	6,759,258
Due from related parties	1,733,327	907,483
Other receivables <i>[note 5]</i>	1,291,231	423,386
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	40,773	38,752
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>9,634,004</b>	<b>8,128,879</b>
Investments, fair value <i>[note 3]</i>	36,856,141	34,070,831
Donation boxes, net <i>[note 4]</i>	180,362	143,437
	<b>46,670,507</b>	<b>42,343,147</b>
<b>Liabilities and fund balances</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>[note 8]</i>	2,400,626	1,676,385
Grants payable <i>[note 6]</i>	1,136,246	1,146,992
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,536,872</b>	<b>2,823,377</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>		
General fund	42,648,781	39,158,256
Restricted fund	484,854	361,514
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>43,133,635</b>	<b>39,519,770</b>
	<b>46,670,507</b>	<b>42,343,147</b>

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board: :

  
Director

  
Director

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### Statement of operations and changes in fund balances

Year ended December 31

	General		Restricted		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue [note 8]</b>						
Contributions	12,473,640	11,633,049	—	—	12,473,640	11,633,049
Special events revenue	306,343	253,097	—	—	306,343	253,097
Directed donations	—	—	5,452,125	4,379,298	5,452,125	4,379,298
Other income	—	—	553,874	318,006	553,874	318,006
	<b>12,779,983</b>	11,886,146	<b>6,005,999</b>	4,697,304	<b>18,785,982</b>	16,583,450
<b>Expenses [note 8]</b>						
Program – grants [note 6]	10,020,030	8,716,911	360,000	360,000	10,380,030	9,076,911
Cost of direct benefits to donors	186	6,278	—	—	186	6,278
Management and general administration	1,638,575	1,871,676	70,533	32,927	1,709,108	1,904,603
Fundraising	677,980	570,884	851,215	608,885	1,529,195	1,179,769
Directed donations	—	—	4,600,911	3,770,414	4,600,911	3,770,414
	<b>12,336,771</b>	11,165,749	<b>5,882,659</b>	4,772,226	<b>18,219,430</b>	15,937,975
Change in fund balances from operations	443,212	720,397	123,340	(74,922)	566,552	645,475
Investment income (loss), net	3,047,313	(2,876,327)	—	—	3,047,313	(2,876,327)
<b>Change in fund balances</b>	<b>3,490,525</b>	(2,155,930)	<b>123,340</b>	(74,922)	<b>3,613,865</b>	(2,230,852)
Fund balances, beginning of year	39,158,256	41,314,186	361,514	436,436	39,519,770	41,750,622
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>42,648,781</b>	39,158,256	<b>484,854</b>	361,514	<b>43,133,635</b>	39,519,770

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### Statement of cash flows

Year ended December 31

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Change in fund balances	3,613,865	(2,230,852)
Add (deduct) items not involving cash		
Amortization	34,358	27,930
Net donation box write-off	8,063	2,284
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(804,090)	3,686,728
	<u>2,852,196</u>	<u>1,486,090</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations		
Accounts and other receivables	(1,693,689)	144,317
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	(2,021)	(1,925)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	724,241	(107,006)
Grants payable	(10,746)	180,314
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>1,869,981</u>	<u>1,701,790</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Contributions to investments	(1,981,220)	(711,559)
Acquisition of donation boxes	(79,346)	(56,341)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>	<u>(2,060,566)</u>	<u>(767,900)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year</b>	<b>(190,585)</b>	<b>933,890</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>6,759,258</u>	<u>5,825,368</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u><b>6,568,673</b></u>	<u><b>6,759,258</b></u>

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## Notes to financial statements

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### 1. Purpose of RMHC Canada

Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada ["RMHC Canada"] is a not-for-profit charitable corporation incorporated in 1982 under the laws of Ontario as a corporation without share capital and is registered as a public foundation under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). As such, RMHC Canada is exempt from income taxes and is able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

RMHC Canada is a national organization committed primarily to supporting Canadian families with sick children through its support for the Canadian RMHC Chapters and their programs, which work to serve families with critically ill children being treated at a nearby pediatric hospital.

In Canada, 12 regional RMHC Chapters work collaboratively through the support of RMHC Canada, Canada's national RMHC foundation, which is focused on contributing funding from McDonald's Restaurants of Canada and other donors to support the building and operations of the Ronald McDonald Houses, Family Rooms and Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles, to help enable the support of families with sick children.

RMHC Canada fulfills its mission through operation of sustainable programs that enable family-centred care, bridge access to quality health care, are a vital part of the health care continuum and strengthen families during difficult times.

RMHC Canada commits annual operating cost grants based on the following general guidelines:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	\$	\$
House	<b>117,250</b>	117,250
Per bedroom in house	<b>3,200</b>	3,200
1 <sup>st</sup> family room in a hospital	<b>35,750</b>	35,750
2 <sup>nd</sup> family room in the same hospital	<b>21,500</b>	21,500
24-hour family room [supplement]	<b>7,000</b>	7,000

RMHC Canada also commits to capital requirements of the Houses using the following general guidelines:

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	\$		\$	
Stand-alone house	<b>0–500,000</b>	<b>50% plus</b>	0–500,000	50% plus
	<b>500,001–1,000,000</b>	<b>30% plus</b>	500,001–1,000,000	30% plus
	<b>1,000,001–10,000,000</b>	<b>20%</b>	1,000,001–10,000,000	20%
House inside a hospital	<b>0–1,000,000</b>	<b>50% plus</b>	0–1,000,000	50% plus
	<b>1,000,001–10,000,000</b>	<b>20%</b>	1,000,001–10,000,000	20%
Family rooms	<b>0–500,000</b>	<b>50% plus</b>	0–500,000	50% plus
	<b>500,001–600,000</b>	<b>20% plus</b>	500,001–600,000	20% plus
	<b>600,001–700,000</b>	<b>10%</b>	600,001–700,000	10%

In certain circumstances, the Board of Directors will make exceptions to these general guidelines.

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#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Part III of the *CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting*, “Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations”, which sets out generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations in Canada and includes the significant accounting policies summarized herein.

##### Fund accounting

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the resources available to RMHC Canada, the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under these principles, the accounts of RMHC Canada have been classified into the following funds:

The general fund reports unrestricted resources available for general operating activities.

The restricted fund reports resources that are to be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor or the Board of Trustees. Any funds internally restricted by the Board of Trustees are recorded through a transfer to the respective fund.

##### Revenue recognition

RMHC Canada follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Contributions, grants and bequests are recorded in the appropriate funds when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the general fund when initially recorded in the accounts. Externally restricted contributions are recorded in the restricted fund when initially recognized in the accounts. Revenue from fundraising is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund as appropriate in the year received or receivable, if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Investment income (loss) consists of interest, dividends, income distributions from pooled funds, and realized and unrealized gains and losses. Investment income earned on restricted fund resources that must be spent on donor-restricted activities is recognized as revenue of the respective fund. General investment income earned on restricted fund and general fund resources is recognized as revenue of the general fund. Investment losses are allocated in a manner consistent with investment income.

##### Directed donations

RMHC Canada reports directed donations as revenue of the restricted fund when received and expensed when disbursed.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash balances are deposited with the Royal Bank of Canada and earn interest at the bank’s prime rate less 2.4%, provided that the bank’s prime rate is greater than 2.4%. Cash equivalents comprise cash held for investment



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#### Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at exchange rates in effect as at the date of the statement of financial position. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the historical rates.

#### Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value. Publicly traded securities and bonds are valued based on the latest bid prices, and pooled funds are valued based on reported unit values. The cash on deposit within each long-term investment fund is considered long-term since that cash will be reinvested in the fund. Transactions are recorded on a trade date basis, and transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### Cash surrender value of insurance policies

The cash surrender value represents the funds that RMHC Canada will receive if the policies are terminated before they mature, or the insured event occurs.

#### Contributed services

McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited ["McDonald's"] pays a substantial amount of the administrative expenses of RMHC Canada. McDonald's incurs indirect costs in supporting RMHC Canada, and many of its employees contribute their efforts on a voluntary basis. The value of these contributed services is not easily quantifiable and therefore is not recognized in the financial statements.

#### Donation boxes

RMHC Canada owns donation boxes that are deployed in McDonald's restaurants. The donation boxes are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over five years. The donation box collections are primarily distributed to the Houses net of coin collection, processing, program and capital payback deductions.

#### Grants

Grants to the Ronald McDonald Houses are recorded in the statement of operations and changes in fund balances when formally approved by the Board of Trustees and the terms for payment have been met. Grants can also be approved by the Executive Board within a budget that is set for this type of grant. The difference, if any, between an approved grant and final payment is reflected in the financial statements in the year the final payment is made. Grants are reversed if it is determined that the funds are no longer required.

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#### 3. Investments

The fair value of investments consists of the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash – Canadian dollars	47,694	37,585
RBC QUBE Low Volatility Global Equity Fund	4,028,428	3,738,650
RBC Global Equity Focus Fund	3,770,411	8,414,537
RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund	1,785,261	1,587,961
PH&N MTGE Pension Trust	3,743,712	3,522,358
PH&N High Yield Bond	3,035,740	3,457,523
RBC Can Core Real Estate Fund	3,799,455	3,993,635
PH&N Small Float Fund Series	1,894,330	1,698,840
PH&N Core Plus Bond Fund Series	5,870,526	4,242,628
PH&N Canadian Equity Value FD Series	3,714,845	3,414,698
RBC QUBE Global Equity Fund Series	5,213,433	—
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>36,903,835</b>	<b>34,108,416</b>
Less cash equivalents	47,694	37,585
<b>Total long-term investments</b>	<b>36,856,141</b>	<b>34,070,831</b>

As at December 31, 2023, the cost of total investments is \$35,268,082 [2022 – \$33,276,753]. During the year, certain investments were sold and reinvested in other investments realizing \$654,014 of gains [2022 – \$53,378]. Investment income is net of investment management fees incurred of \$162,101 in 2023 [2022 – \$158,905].

#### 4. Donation boxes

The donation boxes are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over five years.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cost	2,537,781	2,471,097
Less accumulated amortization	2,357,419	2,327,660
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>180,362</b>	<b>143,437</b>

#### 5. Government remittances receivable

As at December 31, 2023, other receivables include government remittances receivable of \$264,462 [2022 – \$137,769].

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#### 6. Grants payable

As at December 31, 2023, the balance of \$1,136,246 [2022 – \$1,146,992] is payable to all of the RMHC Chapters across Canada. The payment was made in January 2024.

#### 7. Financial instruments and risk management

RMHC Canada is exposed to various financial risks through transactions in financial instruments.

##### Currency risk

RMHC Canada is exposed to currency risk with respect to its investments denominated in foreign currencies, including the underlying investments of its pooled funds denominated in foreign currencies, because the fair value and future cash flows will fluctuate due to the changes in the relative value of foreign currencies against the Canadian dollar.

##### Interest rate risk

RMHC Canada is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its investments in fixed income investments and a pooled fund that holds fixed income securities because the fair value will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

#### 8. Related party transactions

Included in revenue are contributions of \$12,624,894 [2022 – \$11,686,664] received or receivable as a result of various fundraising activities by related parties. Included in expenses are costs of \$2,225,850 [2022 – \$2,128,592] paid or payable to related parties as a reimbursement for payments made on behalf of RMHC Canada. Related parties include McDonald's, McDonald's franchisees, employees and the members or directors of RMHC Canada. As at December 31, 2023, accounts payable and accrued liabilities include amounts due to related parties of \$323,929 [2022 – \$172,519].