



## **Ronald McDonald House, Bristol** **Proposal for Charity of the Year**

### **Who we are**

Ronald McDonald House, Bristol is an independent charity which provides Home from Home accommodation, free of charge, to the families of critically ill children receiving care at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.

### **What we do**

When a child is very ill, they may need to travel away from home to receive the treatment that they require. Our aim is to keep families together during what is probably one of the most stressful times of their lives. We accommodate over 800 families each year, providing all the comforts that you would expect to find in your own home, with spacious en-suite bedrooms, kitchens and communal living areas.

### **Who we help**

Bristol is the only dedicated children's hospital in the whole of the South West of England and Wales which means we support families across the entire region. We are always at full capacity and have long waiting lists of families desperately needing our help. As Bristol moves towards centralizing their services further in the coming 3 years, this number will continue to grow significantly. We will be extending our facilities to meet this rising demand, with a new build project of a further 5 bedrooms to be completed and ready by Spring 2010.

### **Why we should be your Nominated Charity**

Our annual running costs are currently in excess of £130,000 and we rely entirely on public fundraising and donations. With the new build project now in place, we are also facing a capital appeal of an estimated £250,000. Your support will contribute greatly towards our fundraising efforts and enable us to continue planning for the future of the charity. As a relatively small and unknown charity, your involvement and support will help give us the platform we need to continue raising our profile. You will be helping to create opportunities for us to recruit and retain the support of the local community.

### **Examples of our expenditure**

- £8,000 will pay the running costs of 1 bedroom, with use of all the House facilities, for a whole year.
- £375 will cover the average cost to give support to each family.

We welcome you to visit us at the Ronald McDonald House Bristol, to gain a fuller insight into who we are, how we work and who we help. Please arrange this with us at your convenience.

### **Further info:**

For more information please visit our website on [www.rmhbristol.com](http://www.rmhbristol.com) or contact Louise on 0117 908 1375 or [louise@rmhbristol.com](mailto:louise@rmhbristol.com) .