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## Kiwanis presents \$500 check to Ronald McDonald House



Jason Hynson, Kiwanis President presents a check to Teri Gray, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House



A home away from home....New 18 guest room home that opened in 2013.

For more information to volunteer or to help please go to <http://www.rmhcmidmo.org/>

66 Lake of the Ozark area families stayed at Ronald McDonald House in Columbia in 2014 while their child was hospitalized.

Just picture the difficult situation of a child born premature requiring weeks at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NIC) at MU Women and Children's Hospital or in one of the specialized surgical programs...100's of miles from home in Missouri. Before Ronald McDonald House (RMH), parents had to pay for and stay in motel rooms.

Local parents can go to their homes easily in Columbia and nearby counties. Statistics show that RMH families come from 96 of 110 Missouri counties.

The new RMH that opened in 2013 has 18 guest rooms for families to relax at *a home away from home*. ...private baths, hot meals in the evening, TV room, laundry facility, walking distance to the NIC unit to visit with your child...definitely less stress for family.

25 guests per night average...often a waiting list. Average 10 night stay. 65% of the guests have an infant in the NIC unit. Others have a child being treated by specialists not available in their hometowns.

Ozark Coast Kiwanis is proud to help Lake Area kids when hospitalized in Columbia.

Ozark Coast Kiwanis is one of the largest service organizations at the Lake. All funds raised go back to the Lake Community to support dozens of children focused programs that depend on Kiwanis to fund and run their programs.

Kiwanis fundraisers that you might recognize as sponsored by Kiwanis include :

5K Run/Walk to the Beach over the Community Bridge...April 18, 2015

Annual Peanut Day May 22, 2015

Duck Drop & Duck Drop Golf Tournament July 31 & August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Bikes...year round

Christmas for Kids...December 13, 2015

Plus we provide volunteer support to many community wide events.

Some of the groups that we support/sponsor include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy & Girl Scouts, CADV, Feed The Children, Hope House, Lake Regional Hospital, Parents as Teachers, Share The Harvest, Wonderland Camp, YMCA...Key Club, Key Leader, Builder's Club, College Scholarships.

Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast was organized in 1988. We have proudly served Lake Community children for 26 years.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable foundation. Our club members are service-minded men and women from all segments of the community. We meet every Thursday, at **Ozark Yacht Club**, 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch, fellowship, discussion of club business, and a program presented by community business people on topics of interest such as community issues, public affairs, service, or entertainment. (Members do not have to attend every week...just when you can and be willing to help volunteer).

We'd love for you to join us for good times as we work together to better the lives of the children in our community. Please join us at our next meeting or contact our Club President for more information.