

# Ronald McDonald House Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana Celebrates Grand Opening of New Game and Play Rooms Sponsored by Bandai Namco Foundation of America

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**WINFIELD, IL** - On November 6, 2025, Ronald McDonald House® Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana will unveil two newly renovated and joy-filled spaces at its Ronald McDonald House: Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Illinois — thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Bandai Namco Foundation of America.

The two rooms – a Game Room and a Playroom – were completely transformed into bright, interactive spaces designed to support the emotional and mental well-being of children and families staying at the House during pediatric treatment. As part of Bandai Namco’s mission to foster joy and community through play, this partnership represents a powerful investment in the healing journey of seriously ill children and their families.

Lisa Mitchell, Chief Program Officer at Ronald McDonald House Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana shared, “At Ronald McDonald House, we believe in caring for the whole family – and these new spaces truly reflect that commitment. The Game Room and Playroom give siblings and parents a chance to connect, share moments of laughter, and experience a bit of normalcy together while staying close to the care their child needs. We are so grateful for Bandai Namco providing these bright moments for our families.”

## About the Renovated Spaces:

- **Game Room:** Outfitted with all-new flooring, modern wall coverings, themed décor, and a state-of-the-art gaming area complete with consoles and systems inspired by Bandai Namco’s beloved brands. Designed with teens and older children in mind, this room brings color, excitement, and familiarity to families navigating unfamiliar and challenging circumstances.
  - **Playroom:** A warm, imaginative space filled with new toys, books, and interactive features perfect for
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younger children. With the same thoughtful design and décor, the Playroom encourages creativity, connection, and comfort.

The Ronald McDonald House team collaborated closely with Bandai Namco designers to ensure each room reflects the joyful, hopeful spirit that defines Bandai Namco's iconic characters and storytelling.

**“These rooms were thoughtfully designed to meet the emotional needs of families facing some of life's toughest moments,” says Mitchell. “The renovation is a testament to what's possible when purpose-driven organizations come together. We're proud to offer spaces that reflect our mission and values, and we're excited to see the smiles they'll bring for years to come.”**

The Foundation is no stranger to working with Ronald McDonald House. As part of their “Legacy Projects”, the two organizations have built a fruitful partnership over the years, including the development of a playground and a Bandai Playroom for the Ronald McDonald House in Orange County, California.


The official ribbon-cutting event will take place on Thursday, November 6, with leadership from both organizations in attendance. Media and invited guests will have the opportunity to tour the new spaces and hear firsthand from staff about the impact these rooms will have.

### **About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana**

Ronald McDonald House® Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. Each night, we keep 181 families close to the care and resources they need through six Ronald McDonald Houses® and four Ronald McDonald House Family Rooms®. Enabling families to stay close to their hospitalized child supports the health and well-being of the child and saves families more than \$12 million in hotel and food costs each year. We are located inside or near Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn and Park Ridge, Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital, Loyola University Medical Center, UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Edward Hospital in Naperville and Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. The Charity also operates the Ronald McDonald House Care Mobile® program providing medical care to children in underserved areas.

### **About Bandai Namco Foundation of America**

Since its establishment in 1995, Bandai Namco Foundation of America, has continued focusing on charity and donation initiatives aimed at promoting the health and welfare of children. Over its 31-year history, it has raised approximately US \$42 million. We will continue to participate in and contribute to charity events, supporting children's hopes for the future and bringing them happiness.



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