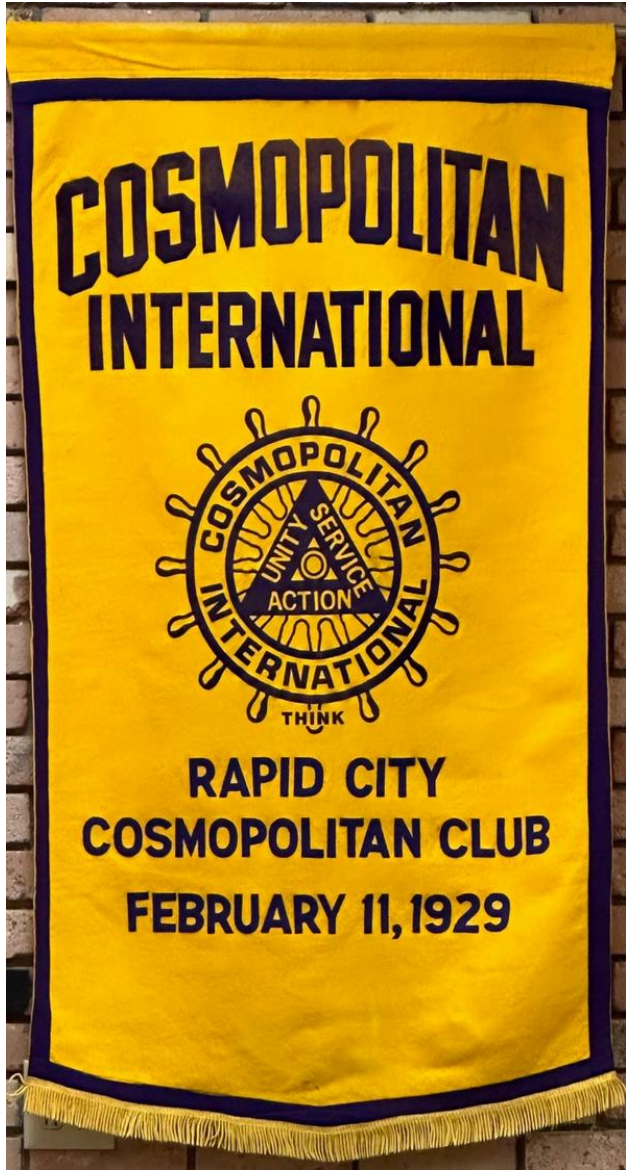


Cosmopolitan Ray's February 9, 2026





President Becky
Kerr Called the
Meeting to
order at
12:00 PM.



President Becky Kerr, led the Members in the Pledge Of Allegiance.



BEER DRINKING



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Thirsty's
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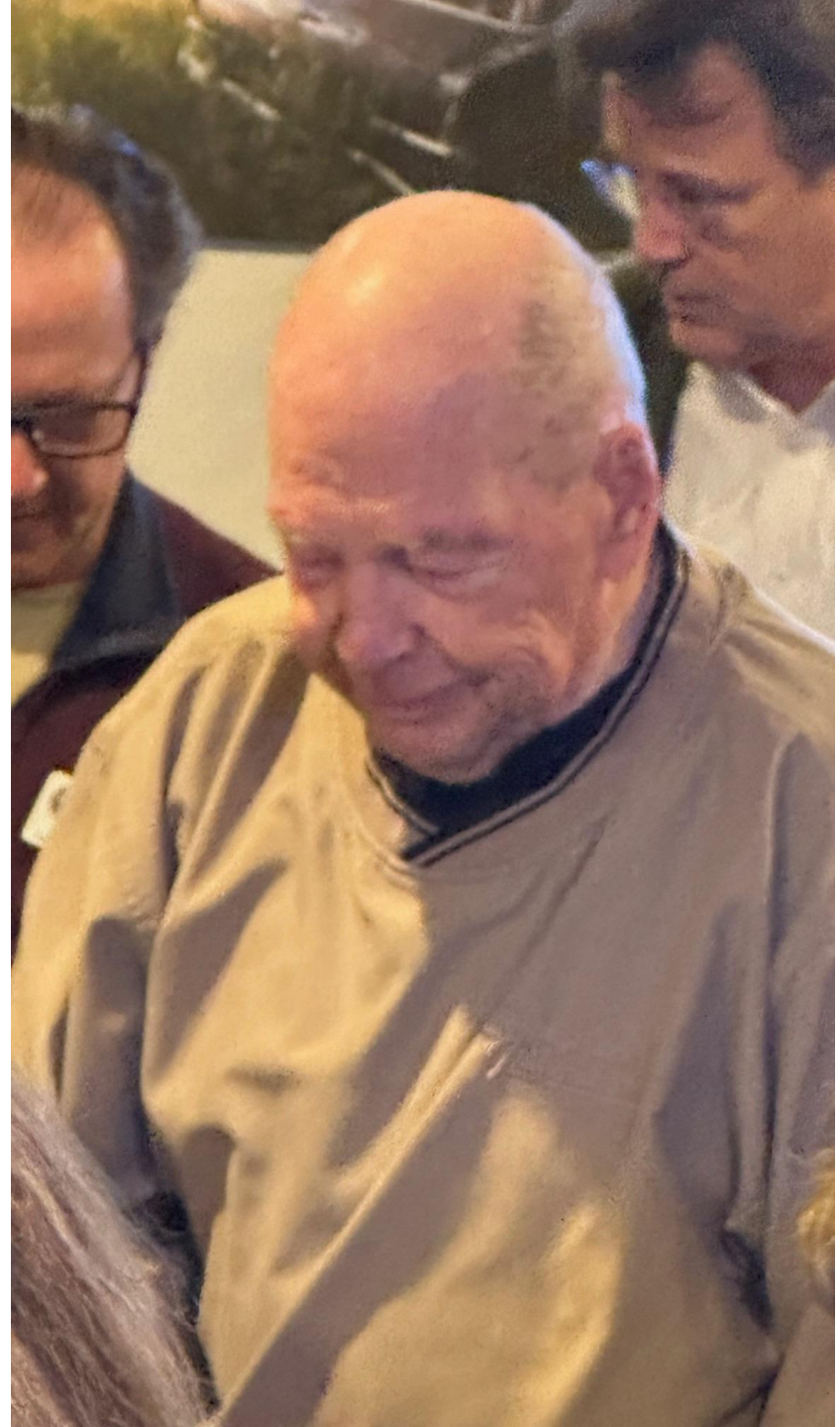


Bernard McDonnell
South Dakota
Board of Directors

JIM
BLACKWELL



Jim Schuh, Led the
Members in Prayer.



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South Dakota
Board of Orientation

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RANGER

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
MILK
FUND FOLLIES

200700
MILK
FUND FOLLIES



BLUES
BREWERY

Ronald McDonald
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Board of Directors O







Ice Hockey Coordinator Karl Merbach talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey games on Saturday February 14th, Thursday February 18th and Saturday February 21st.



Club Member John Duffield talked to the Members about the upcoming Black Hills Sports Show, He really needs more help.



President Becky Kerr
talked to the Members
about upcoming event
Three Dog Night on
Saturday February 14th.



Club Member Rick Edelen introduced Kevin Miles the CEO of the Rapid City Ronald McDonald House.



Keven Miles the CEO of the Rapid City Ronald McDonald House.



Kevin Miles, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of SD, spoke at the February 9, 2026 at the Cosmopolitan Club meeting at Thirsty's, he was sharing more about his organization's expansion into the Black Hills area.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota is building a Ronald McDonald House in Rapid City. Located at the corner of East Fairmont Boulevard and Elm Avenue, the new facility is slated to be opened in late 2026 at a cost of 8 Million Dollars.

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The Vision

Dr Audrey Evans



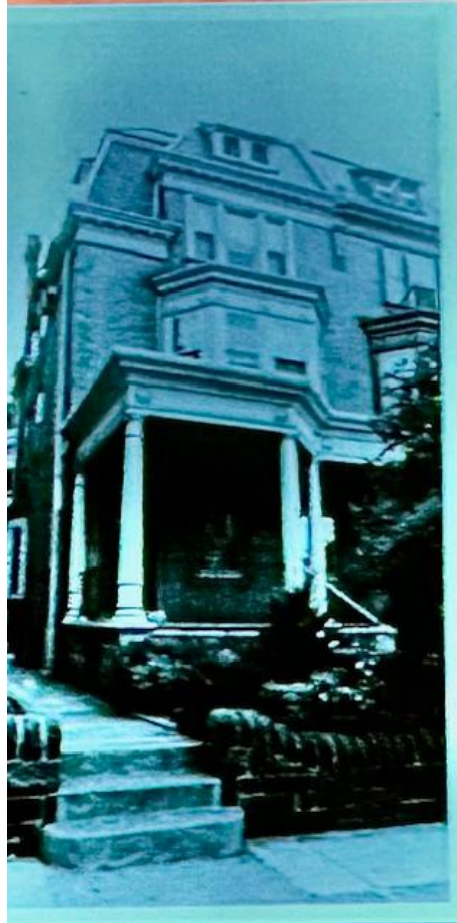
Ronald
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Fred and Kim Hill

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On October 15, 1974, the world's first Ronald McDonald House was opened.



System at a Glance

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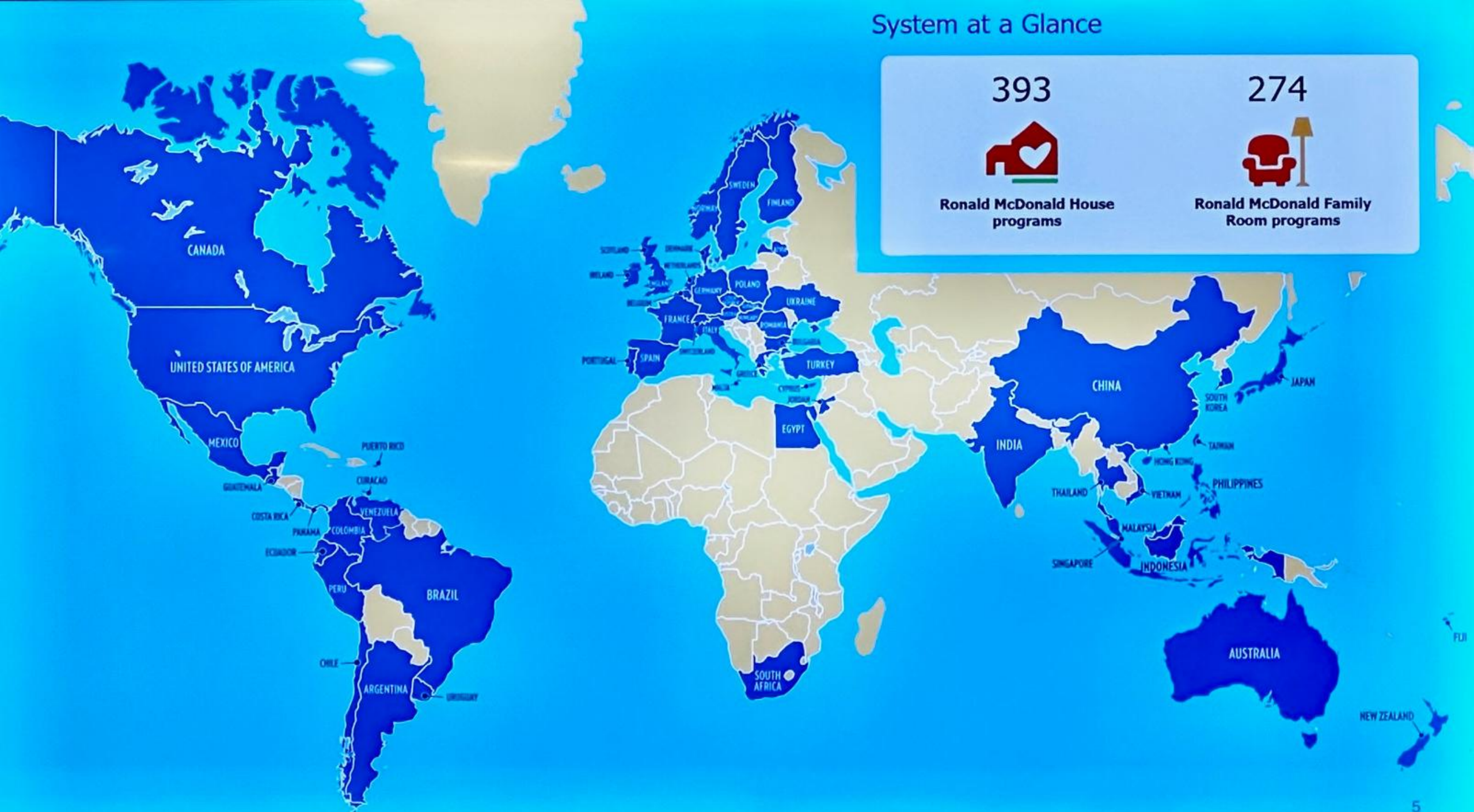


Ronald McDonald House programs

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Ronald McDonald Family Room programs



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Sioux Falls

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Ronald
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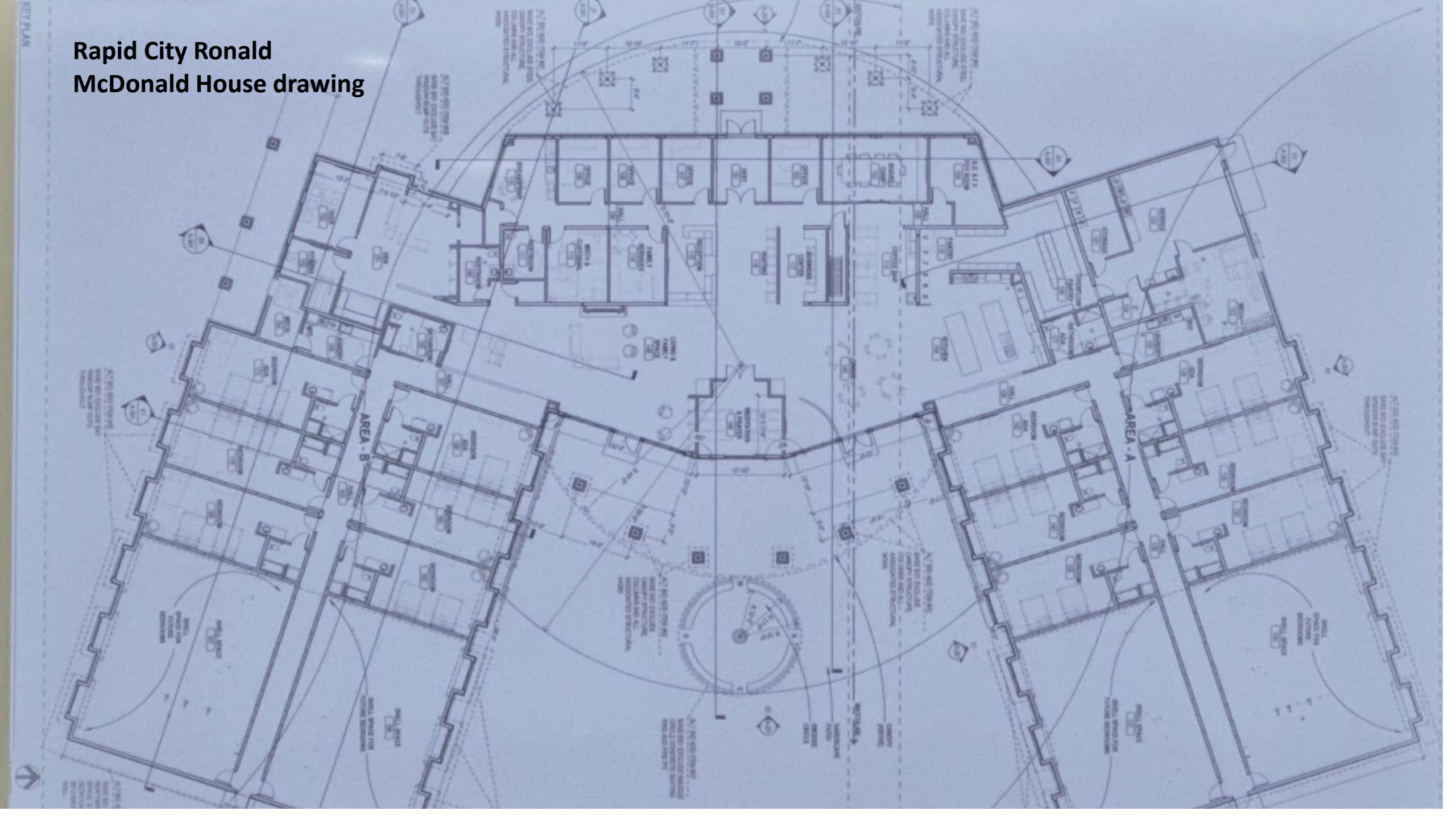
43 Years Later

24th Street – Near Avera
McKenna Hospital



825 S. Lake Ave
Near Sanford Children's
Hospital

Rapid City Ronald McDonald House drawing





Care Mobiles

Medical or Dental Care Mobiles reach out beyond the dental or medical offices to provide in high risk areas the dental and medical needs for the community.

RMHC *Cheer Cart*



Mission

Our mission is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and wellbeing of children, with a goal to provide a place where families can be together. Guiding us in our mission are our core values.

Our Vision For a Cheer Cart

The Cheer Cart is a volunteer run RMHC on wheels, providing snacks, beverages and goodies to families in the hospital! This special cart is a way for the charity to offer goodies and bring smiles to children's faces while showing our support and presence in the hospitals we support.

More About the Cart

We would like to offer coffee, hot water, bottles of water, juice boxes, tea bags, soup packets, hot chocolate, and snacks like granola bars/pop tarts/crackers etc. Through our wish list we hope to get most/many of these items donated. We also plan to have a 'toy drawer' where kids can pick out something fun!

Who benefits from the cart?

Anyone walking the hospital hallways! Patients, visitors or doctors/nurses/staff



Would you like to learn more about the Cheer Cart?

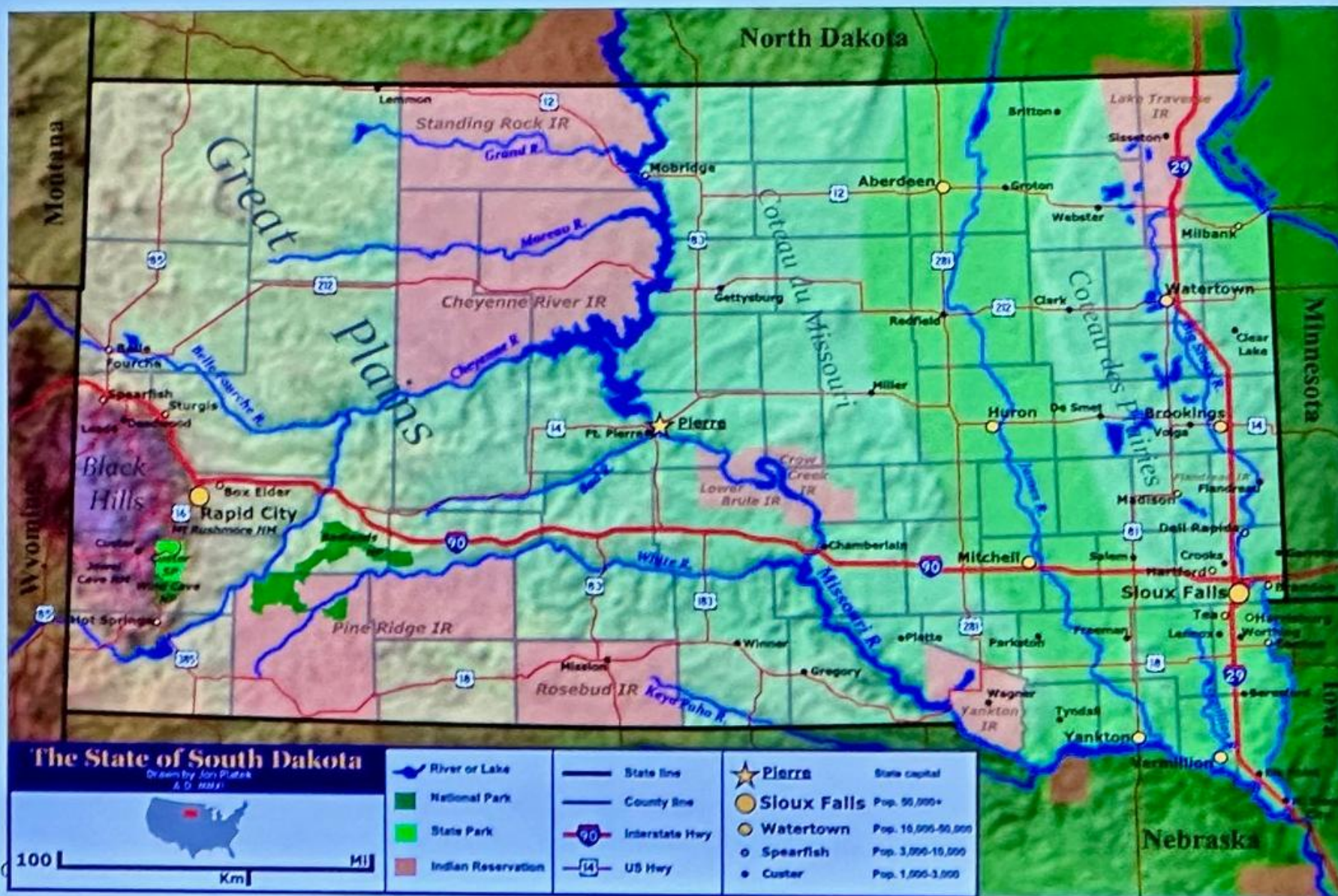
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Who are we?

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota





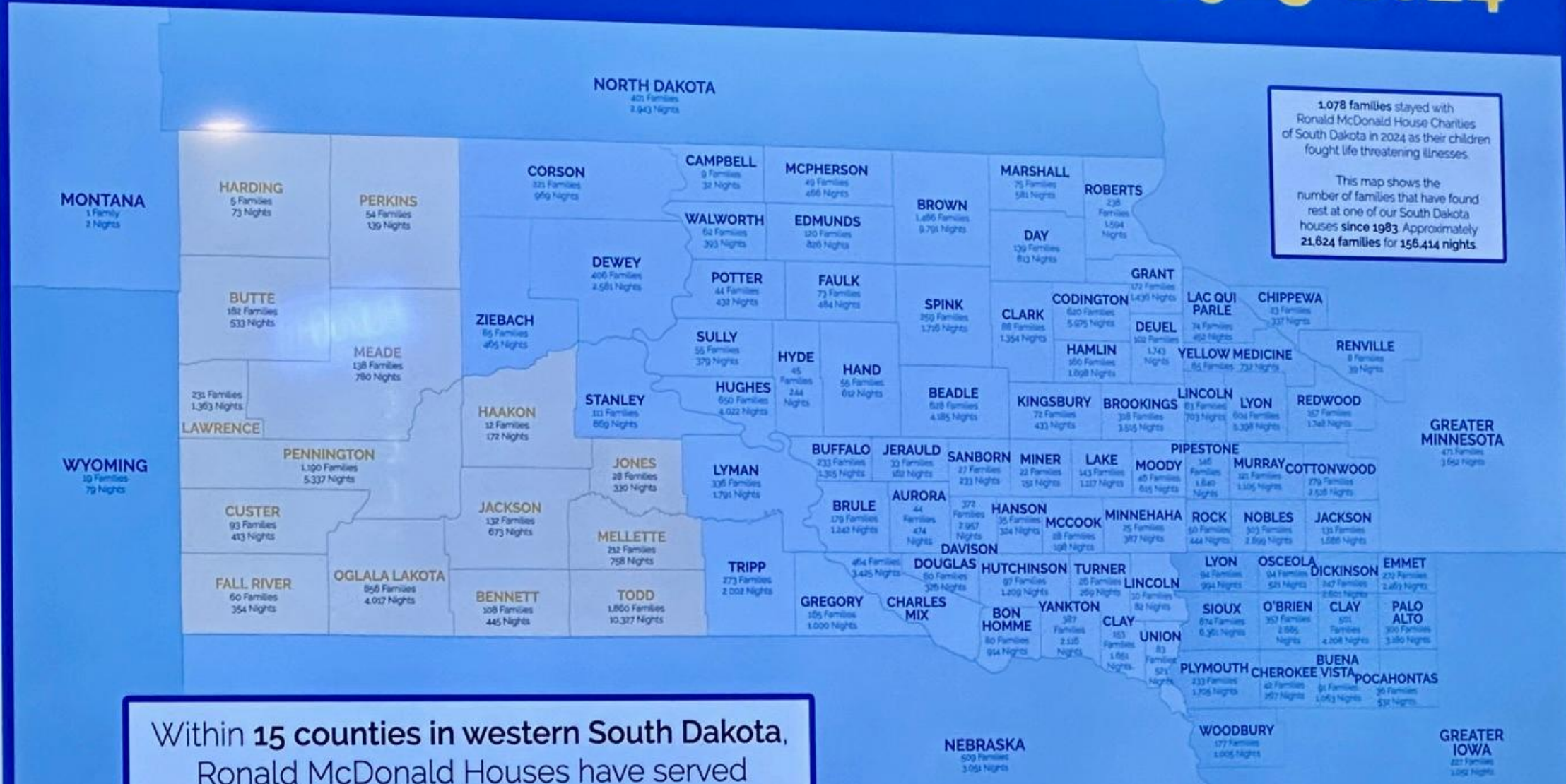
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South Dakota

STAYS MAP 1983-2024

1,078 families stayed with Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota in 2024 as their children fought life threatening illnesses.

This map shows the number of families that have found rest at one of our South Dakota houses since 1983. Approximately 21,624 families for 156,414 nights.

Within 15 counties in western South Dakota, Ronald McDonald Houses have served approximately 5,161 families for 25,714 nights.



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MONTANA
1 Family
2 Nights

NORTH DAKOTA
401 Families
2,041 Nights

NEBRASKA
600 Families
3,061 Nights

WYOMING
10 Families
79 Nights



STAYS BY STATE

AK	AZ	CA	CO	CT	IA	IL	IN	KS	KY	MN	MT	NC	ND
1 Family 8 Nights	1 Family 1 Night	1 Family 28 Nights	2 Families 23 Nights	1 Family 1 Night	3,345 Families 28,637 Nights	2 Family 39 Nights	1 Family 34 Nights	1 Family 13 Nights	1 Family 8 Nights	2,405 Families 23,551 Nights	1 Family 2 Nights	1 Family 38 Nights	401 Families 2,041 Nights
NE	NM	OH	OR	PA	SD	TX	VA	WI	WV	WY	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	
509 Families 3,051 Nights	1 Family 2 Nights	1 Family 5 Nights	1 Family 9 Nights	2 Families 3 Nights	14,824 Families 97,803 Nights	3 Families 34 Nights	2 Families 18 Nights	5 Families 108 Nights	1 Family 1 Night	19 Families 79 Nights	1 Family 7 Nights	1 Family 10 Nights	

GREATER IOWA
227 Families
1,052 Nights

DID YOU KNOW?

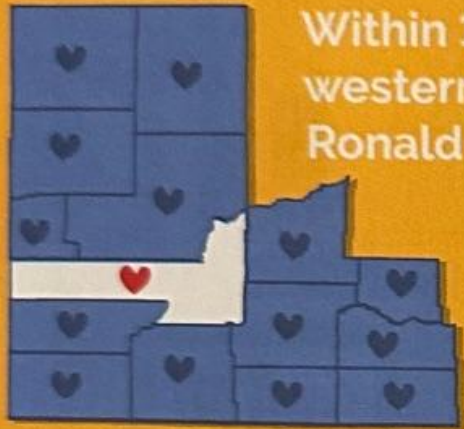
Families can stay at Ronald McDonald House completely **free of charge**, regardless of their financial situation.



The House in the Hills will provide a home away from home for **more than 600 families** each year who must travel far to be near their sick or injured child.



Ronald McDonald Houses serve **families** with sick or injured children that are 21 years old or younger.

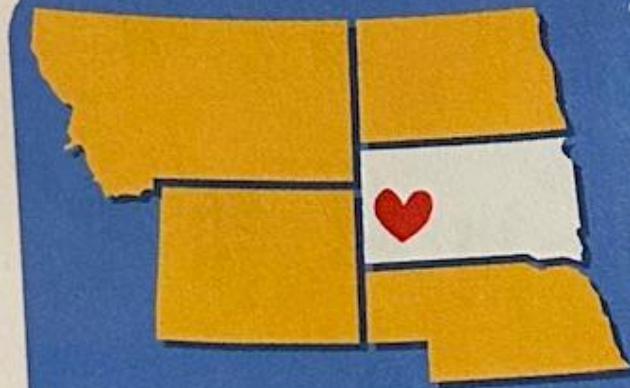


Within 15 counties in western South Dakota, Ronald McDonald Houses have served **more than 5,100 families** for over **25,000 nights**.

By
2030

an estimated **19 families** a day will need a place to stay close to care.

In 2024, Ronald McDonald Houses in South Dakota provided a home away from home for over **1,300 families.**



The House in the Hills will serve a more than **250-mile plus radius** from Rapid City including South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, and North Dakota.

We expect families will stay more than **3,500** nights annually.



On average, families stay at Ronald McDonald Houses in South Dakota for **8 nights.** The longest family stay was over **14 months.**



Ronald McDonald House Charities®
South Dakota

Keeping families close®

100% of the donations to the House in the Hills campaign stay in South Dakota.



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When the
unthinkable
happens

**CARE
LIVES
HERE**

Ezekiel
Porcupine, SD

Zeke and his mom, Jaimie stayed 47 times from 2017 to 2021 for a total of 78 nights while he battled Leukemia for 3 years. He was declared cancer free in January 2020

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Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
South Dakota

Our mission begins when the unthinkable happens; a family is confronted with a serious diagnosis for their child.

CARE LIVES HERE

Whether that child is a pre-mature newborn, an injured child, or a teen facing cancer, the family faces many daunting decisions and an unimaginable journey.

We understand a child does not fight alone. Parents, siblings, pop-pops, gigi's, aunties, and cousins all become soldiers in the fight.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota is here to support those warriors so they can fight another day.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR RMHC SOUTH DAKOTA

Every year, the needs of families change and grow. And as South Dakota's medical centers expand to meet the growing needs, Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota needs to grow and evolve as well.

A HOUSE IN THE HILLS

With the advancement of South Dakota's health systems, the need to provide the comforts of home for families utilizing those medical service is growing, and more often than we want, those needs are going unmet, especially in western South Dakota. For many families, the emotional and financial burden of traveling long distances for treatment can be overwhelming.

To address these needs, we are building the first **Ronald McDonald House in Rapid City**. This increases our capacity, keeping more families close, and turning fewer families away. This will expand our mission: to keep families close through places, programs, and partnerships that directly improve children's well-being and support families during their most challenging times.

"Nobody ever thinks they're going to need a Ronald McDonald House. People don't want to have to go to the Ronald McDonald House. But because it's here is life changing for us."

Jennifer and Thomas Osen
Williston, ND



The Osen family stayed 122 nights at the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls while daughter Lily-Anne spent 4 months in the NICU.

CARE LIVES HERE



CARE LIVES HERE - CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT FORM A HOUSE IN THE HILLS

Questions? Please contact Sheila Klosterman at 605-391-1867 or sklosterman@rmhcsodak.org

Name/Business Name _____ Primary Contact _____

Mailing Address: Street, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

In support of the **CARE LIVES HERE** Campaign, we will contribute as follows:

Pledge Amount: Total Amount Pledged _____

The gift will be paid: One time gift Over 3 years Over 5 years Other

Pledge to be paid: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

Installments to begin: Month: _____ Year: _____

Payment Method: To make payments contact Sheila Klosterman, 605-391-1867, sklosterman@rmhcsodak.org

Check payable to RMHC of South Dakota, 3213 West Main St, PMB 592 • Rapid City, SD 57702

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Please contact me to discuss other ways of funding my pledge, such as stock transfer or IRA distribution.

Gift Designation: Please direct this gift to this project:

A House in the Hills Rapid City Expansion More Room for Love Sioux Falls Expansion Sustaining Care Strategic Growth Fund RMHC-SD General Fund

Gift Recognition:

My gift is in memory/honor of: (optional) _____

Name to use for campaign recognition: _____

We wish to remain anonymous. Please do not publish our business name as a contributor.

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Thank you for confirming your pledge by signing below:

Date _____

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During our 40 years, over **6,400 families** from West River have stayed more than **34,000 nights** at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Sioux Falls.



Initiative: A 12-bedroom Ronald McDonald House® near Monument Health will be the first in the Black Hills.

Impact: 600+ Families Per Year staying near their sick or injured child at no cost.
3,500+ Nights Stayed annually

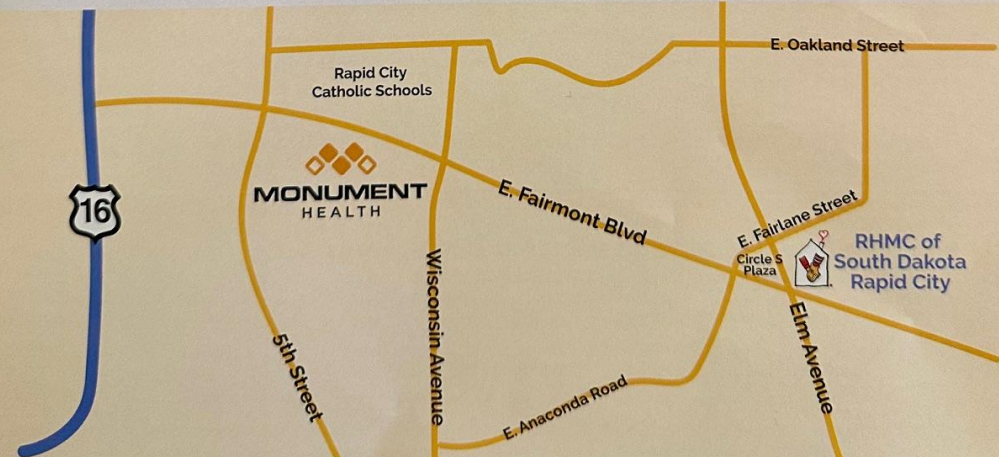
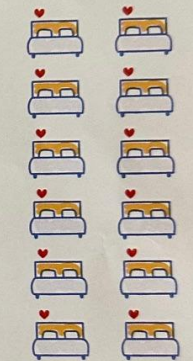
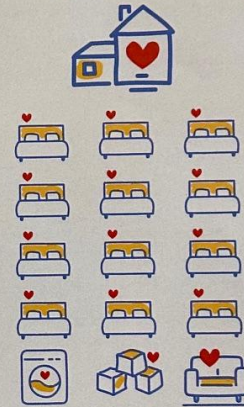
Building a new Ronald McDonald House in Rapid City has long been our goal. With the expansion of services at Monument Health in Rapid City, our research shows that as many as **19 families** will need our services every day by 2030.

Minimum Goal
\$7 Million =
House with 12 bedrooms, kitchen living space, laundry

Stretch Goal
\$10 Million =
Room to add up to 12 additional bedrooms + more amenities

We need your help. \$7 million enable us to build a new Ronald McDonald House that will serve families from across the Black Hills region and beyond. The Ronald McDonald House will have 12 comfortable bedrooms with private en suite bathrooms. We will also include communal living spaces, a fully equipped kitchen, dedicated areas for children to play, offices for staff, and guest laundry facilities.

Our stretch goal of \$10 million will allow us to build the shell for future expansion, add more amenities for our guests, and finish planned architectural elements.



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Ronald McDonald House
Near Avera McKennan Hospital
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"The Ronald McDonald House meant everything to us. It gave us the one thing in life that you can never get back and that's time."

Jenalee and Patrick Mahoney,
daughter Genevieve
Worthington, MN

The Mahoneys spent more than 40 nights at the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls.



Rick Edelen brought his
Rescue Dog he is training.







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BASEBALL

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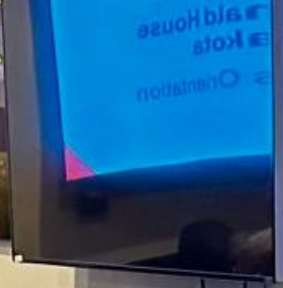


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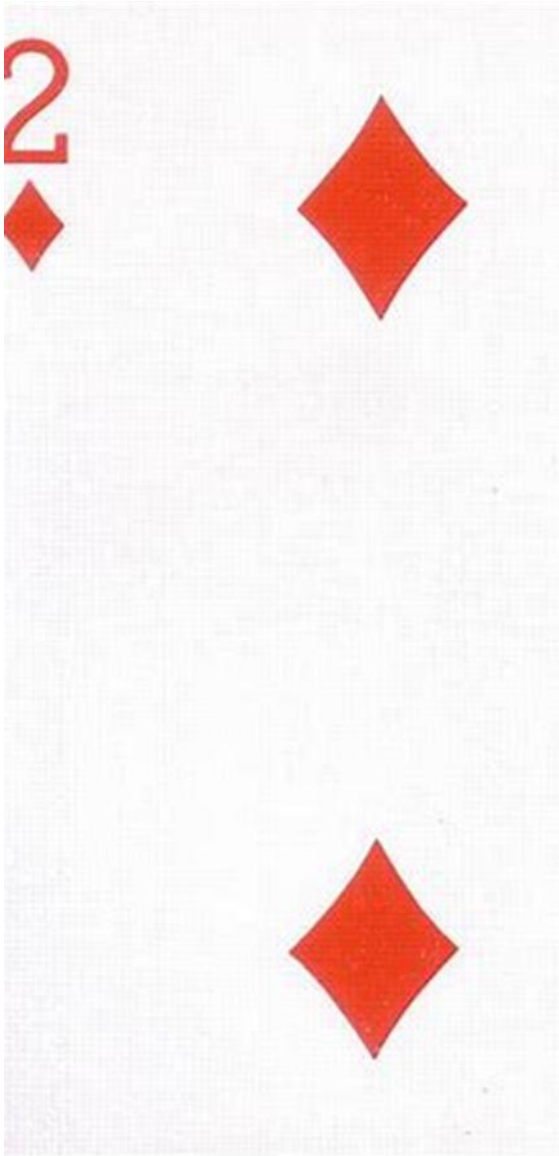
***Bernice Miller was
the Lucky Mrs. X for
the Day. She won
\$5.00 and a Rush
Hockey T-Shirt.***





Eileen Desmond was the Lucky 50-50 winner. She won \$14.00.





Gordy Swanson was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. He drew the Queen of Spades. There were 49 Cards left and it was worth \$100.

Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings

February 16, 2026. No Meeting-President's Day

February 23, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

March 2, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

March 9, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

March 10, 2026, Board Meeting

March 16, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

March 23, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

March 30, 2026. Meeting at Noon at Thirsty's

Member Birthdays

Name

Date

Dittman, Susan

February 5

Schuh, Jim

February 7

Thompson, Amy

February 7

Daughters, Dave

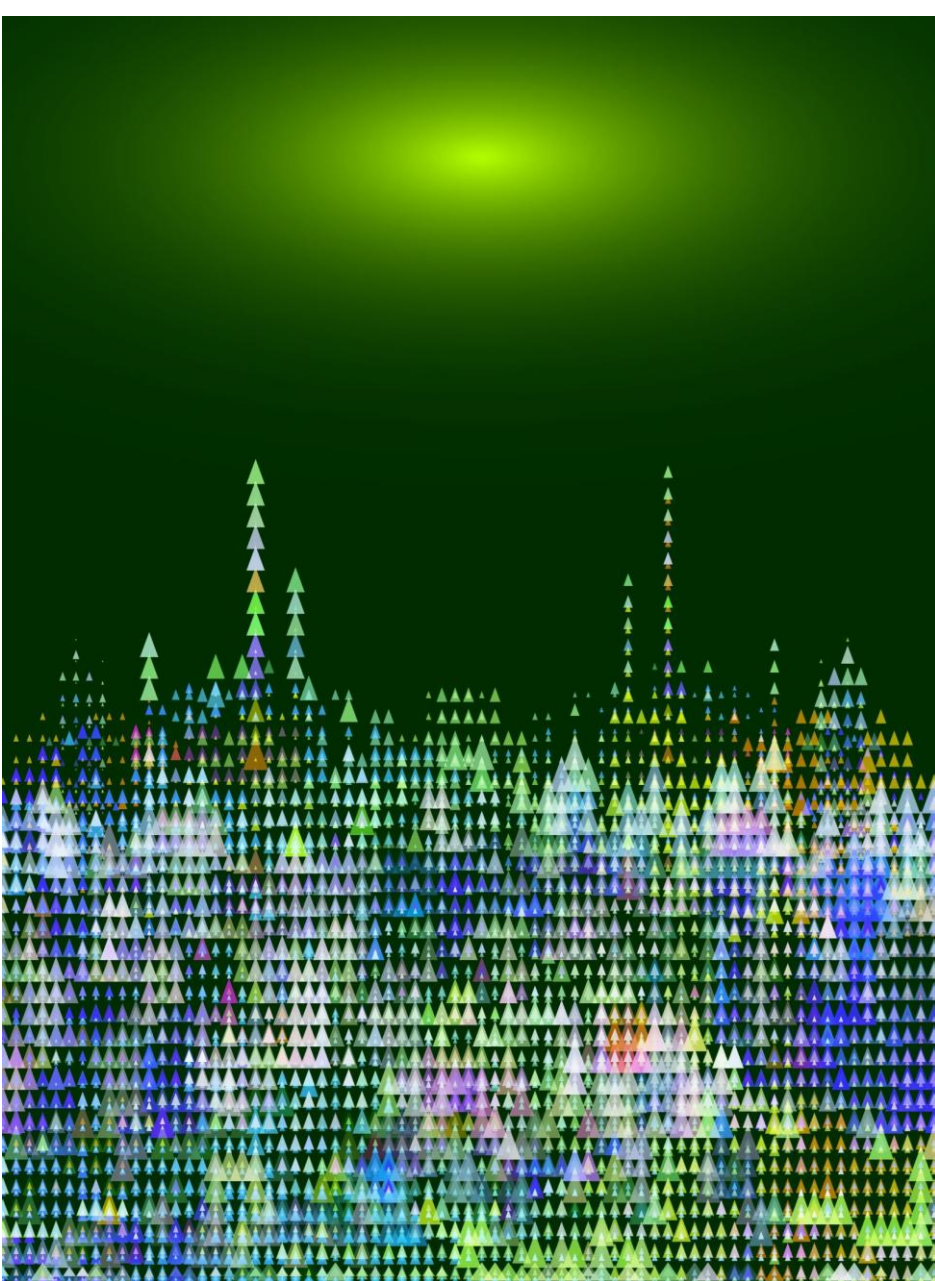
February 26

Evans, Michelle

February 26



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club



<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Regelin, Meggan	25 years	Feb. 08 2001
Mathis, Allan	12 years	Feb. 26 2014

Cosmo Ushering
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Please e-mail or call
the team in charge to
sign up for the event
or if you need to
cancel.

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John Duffield

Rapid City, South Dakota



CDF Board Member

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BOB White

Rapid City, South Dakota



Cosmopolitan Yearly Board Members

1 Year Board Member Club Board Member Dave Daughters

2 Year Board Member Club Board Member Richard Edelen

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3 Year Board Member Club Board Member Lorie Whiting

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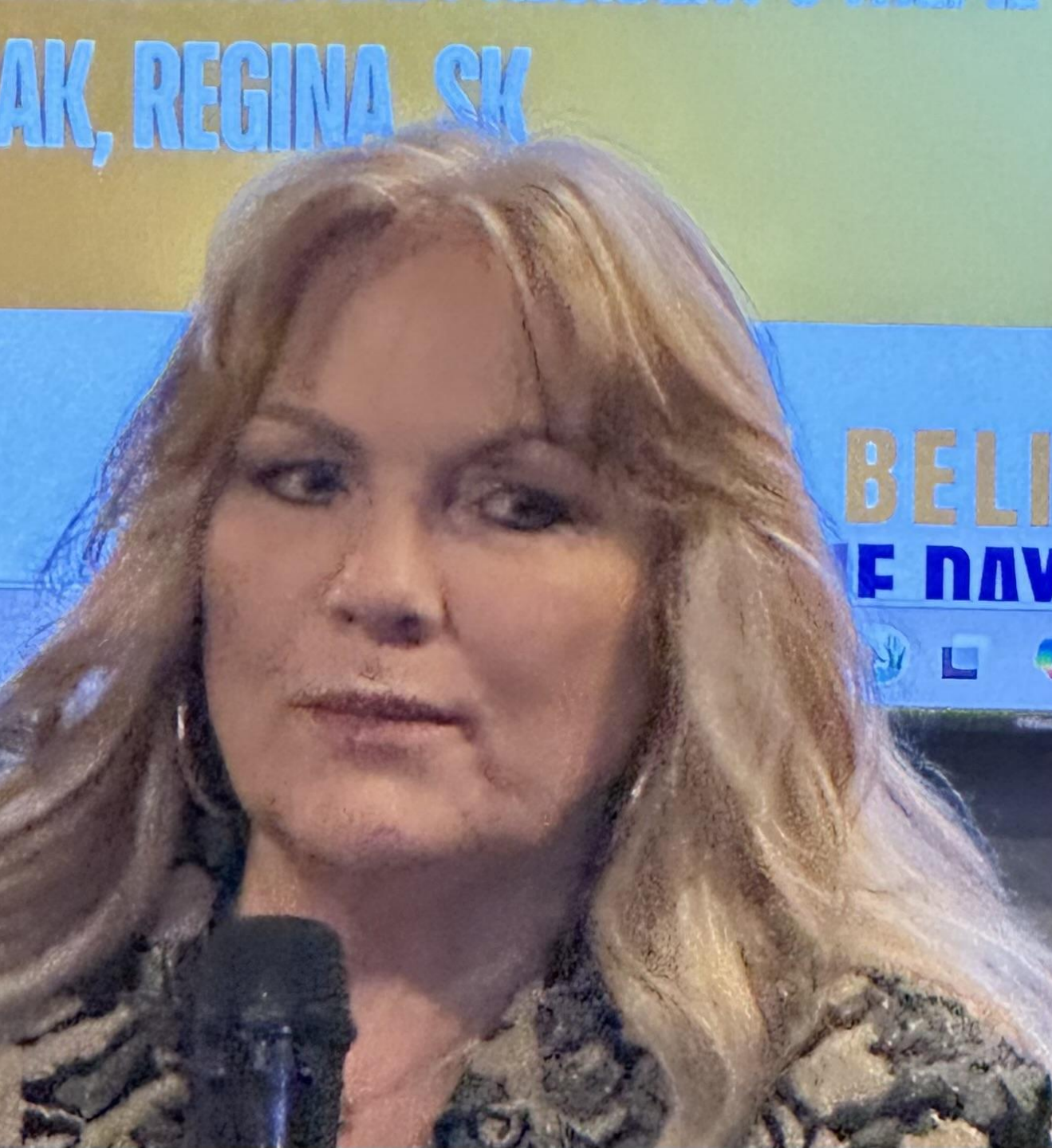
3 Year Board Member Club Board Member Karl Merbach

The background of the image is a photograph of the Sioux Falls State Capitol building at dusk. The building is a grand, classical-style structure with a prominent central dome and a portico with columns. The sky is a deep blue, and the building's lights are on, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, there are trees and a street with a few cars.

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