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Ronald McDonald House to Open Family Room at Dayton Children's Hospital

The Ronald McDonald House of Dayton will begin operating a Family Room Program at Dayton Children's Hospital in early 2016. The Ronald McDonald House Family Room will include the House's regular Day Guest menu of complimentary food, beverages and laundry services, plus a relaxing environment to provide a respite from the stresses of the hospital routine. Most Day Guest services will no longer be run from the Ronald McDonald House, but rather, more conveniently, will transition to the Family Room, eliminating the walk from Dayton Children's to the House.

According to Rita Cyr, CEO of the Dayton House, "We are proud that this will be only the second Family Room program in Ohio. We're pleased to offer these services to an increased number of families at Dayton Children's. Few things in life are as stressful as having a hospitalized child. We know families are stronger when they are together and that their presence helps sick children heal faster. The Family Room will provide 'tlc' to caregivers so they remain strong. It will allow families to take a quick break to recharge by grabbing a cup of coffee or snack only a few steps from their children's bedsides."

"We are long-standing partners with the Dayton Ronald McDonald House, so we know they are experts at offering comfort and quiet for families going through one of the most stressful times in their lives. We couldn't be more pleased to bring those amenities inside the hospital - - offering families an even more convenient way to relax, just steps away from their child's bed," said Debbie Feldman, CEO of Dayton Children's Hospital.

The new Family Room will be open 12 hours a day, 365 days a year. Additional details will be released closer to its opening in 2016.

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