



Ronald McDonald House® at Stanford Hope is Growing Expansion FAQs – Q1

1) What is Ronald McDonald House at Stanford?

- a. The House creates a home-away-from-home and supportive community for families of children with life-threatening illnesses receiving specialized treatment at Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford. Since opening in 1979, the House has provided nearly 375,000 nights of lodging for families in crisis.

2) What is new at Ronald McDonald House at Stanford?

- a. The House is planning an expansion of the current 47-bedroom facility to accommodate more families than ever before. With the expansion and remodel of the existing building, the increased capacity will allow the House to accommodate up to 120 families every night.
- b. The new 52,000-square-foot building will be located adjacent to the existing building and will include 69 additional private guest rooms, home-like kitchen and dining areas, comfortable living spaces, a library and resource center, a fitness and rehabilitation facility, age-specific activity rooms, a classroom, and a healing garden and retreat.
- c. With new construction and repurposing and remodeling efforts at the existing facility, the House at Stanford will become one of the largest Ronald McDonald Houses in the world.

3) Why are you expanding?

- a. Over the past 11 years there has been a significant increase in demand for services. Unfortunately, there are 40-50 families every night that the current House cannot accommodate. The approved expansion will address this current demand as well as the future needs anticipated by the expansion of Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

4) What is the first phase we will notice in the expansion?

- a. The House is set to begin site preparation on the property, which will include careful clearing and grading of the construction site. The construction team will begin implementation of the project’s tree removal and protection plan that was developed in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto as part of the approval process.





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5) Were alternatives investigated to keep the trees?

- a. Significant effort has been made to protect trees that do not need to be removed and to transplant affected trees wherever possible. The footprint of the new building was designed to protect the grand historic oak that sits between the existing House and the expansion property.

6) What approvals were obtained prior to removing the trees?

- a. The Palo Alto City Council unanimously approved the expansion of the House that included a tree removal and protection plan in June 2013.

7) Will the lack of trees change my view as a neighbor?

- a. Yes, the lack of trees will change the view temporarily. However, by the time the project is complete transplanted trees will improve visual screening from the roadway and rear of the property and create a complimentary layering effect with landscape materials.

8) What is the construction timeline?

- a. Preconstruction site preparation will begin in early March. The construction phase is slated to begin midyear and is scheduled to last between 15-18 months with completion expected by late 2015.

9) What firm is constructing the new House facility?

- a. The planning, design, and construction of the new facility is being managed by Bob McIntire, president and CEO at Nova Partners, Inc., with Vance Brown, Inc. as construction manager and general contractor.

10) Do you have renderings for the new House?

- a. Additional information on the expansion project, including architectural renderings can be found at www.hopeisgrowingcampaign.org/project-updates.





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11) How was this construction funded?

- a. The construction is funded by our Hope is Growing fundraising campaign. The goal of the fundraising campaign is \$40.5 million and includes construction cost, the estimated value of the donated land, and an enhancement to the endowment fund to sustain future operations.

12) Is there a way for me to learn more?

- a. To learn more about the House expansion, please visit our website at <http://hopeisgrowingcampaign.org>.

