# Mission **STATEMENT**

Building on Love, Inc., a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, is dedicated to supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities chapters and the families they serve.

Working in conjunction with the staff at the following Ronald McDonald Houses; Albany (NY), Boston & Springfield (MA), Bangor & Portland (ME), Providence (RI), New Haven (CT), Burlington (VT), Kansas City (MO), San Francisco (CA) & Greater Hudson Valley (NY). Building on Love provides financial support to families in need due to the impact of the serious illness of their child.

Building on Love, at times, provides direct financial support for Ronald McDonald House programs.

To make a donation to Building on Love, please visit our website at: www.buildingonlove.org or mail a check made payable to:

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#### **ABOUT US**

Building on Love is dedicated to assisting families supported by the Ronald McDonald House Charities. These families are provided with housing by the Ronald McDonald House, but often require further assistance due to the serious illness of their child.

Often, families will get behind on household bills; cannot afford groceries for additional family members; cannot afford the mode of transportation needed to ensure the health and safety of their sick child while commuting to and from the hospital; or cannot afford household items that can aid a child's progress. Building on Love is able to provide grant assistance to help these families meet basic needs that are often taken for granted in everyday life.

Thanks to the support of family and friends, Building on Love has been able to provide thousands of dollars in grant funding to families in need during its first year of inception. We currently support families that are affiliated with (12) Ronald McDonald House Charities Chapters. Our goal over the next year is to be able to expand our support to additional houses.

## IT'S ABOUT OUR FAMILIES...

#### WHAT WE PROVIDE

Currently, Building on Love has a grant assistance program where families can apply for a specific request for a donation of a household item or a dollar amount up to \$2,000 to be used for bills, groceries, transportation, etc.

#### FROM MICHELE IN PORTLAND

"Building on Love was a God-send to my family while "living" in Portland for three weeks. I had twins, James and Jorja, that were born seven weeks early, putting both my fiancé and I out of work earlier than expected and for a lot longer than expected. James was released from the hospital but Jorja was still in NICU at Maine Medical Center when the wheel bearing went on my car. We have three other children at home so my fiancé needed a vehicle. This left James and I walking to Maine Medical to see Jorja every day (weather permitting). With no income coming in, it was impossible to get the car fixed. Robin at the Portland Ronald McDonald House said there was a foundation out of state that could help. Building on Love, Inc. was not only able to help, but they paid for the whole repair. This allowed me to visit my daughter rain or shine,

day or night. It gave me the opportunity to be close to my daughter every chance I had. Thank you will never be enough to

express my gratitude."

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

#### WANT TO HELP?

We are always looking for individuals or groups to host fundraisers to benefit Building on Love, as well as people to assist with our annual events either on a committee level or on-site.

#### Events include:

- Comedy for a Cause
- Bowl-a-thon
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Golf Outing

#### **LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Building on Love is looking for people to serve on our Public Relations/ Communications, Fundraising and Events Committees.

Please contact Allison Abdelnour at 518.237.3778 or via email at allisona@buildingonlove.org for additional volunteer or donation information.



James & Jorja - Portland, ME