Ronald McDonald House®
Central Indiana

2026 Informational Guide

Pop Tab Collection Program

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About Us

Our Vision

Ronald McDonald House Central Indiana envisions a world where every family has what they need to ensure the best health outcomes for their children.

Our Mission

Ronald McDonald House Central Indiana provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

Our Story

Our families watch their children battle cancer, heart disease and other frightening conditions – the emotional, physical and financial stress can be overwhelming. Their children will spend days, weeks, possibly months at a time in the hospital. The Ronald McDonald House can alleviate some of this stress by providing free lodging and support so families can focus on healing near their hospitalized children. We strive to create a space for families to find comfort in the midst of the chaos.

With our House steps away from Riley Children's Health, and our Family Room located inside the hospital, we create places of respite where families can rally around and support one another. Though we are near Riley Children's, we serve all pediatric hospitals in Indianapolis.

Why Pop Tabs?

Collected pop tabs are recycled, generating funds to support the House and the thousands of families we serve each year. Plus, it's a great way to introduce philanthropy to young people, especially in school environments! While the price of aluminum has dropped over the years, Pop Tab collection is still a great friend maker and fun way to support the House.

Thanks to generous school children, families, businesses, clubs, and churches, over one billion pop tabs have been donated since the program's inception in 1995, generating tens of thousands of dollars in pop tab revenue for the House.

When You Donate Pop Tabs, You:

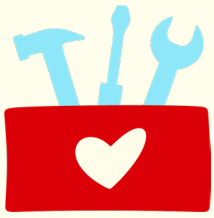
- **Raise Awareness**
- **Make New Friends**
- **Raise Money**
- **Provide comfort, support and resources for more than 6,000 families each year**

Getting Started

It's Easy to Start Collecting, Whether You Are Collecting By Yourself Or With a Group!

1. **Start by signing up at: ronaldmcdonaldhouseindy.org**

2. **Make your pop tab container:** One of the most exciting parts of pop tab collecting is getting creative and coming up with a fun, unique container to collect your tabs in! There's no need for anything fancy, although unusual designs do generate more enthusiasm. Groups have been known to use everything from coffee cans and water jugs to garbage cans, tote boxes, and even fish tanks. This can be a great opportunity to get your art class or group "crafter" involved in creating a container!



Whatever you choose to use, make sure it's sturdy! Individually, pop tabs do not weigh much. However, when collecting large quantities, the weight adds up quickly! We also offer a limited number of small collection boxes that can be picked up at our Limestone street location.

3. **Place your containers** in a convenient, visible location, whether in your home or in a meeting space and start collecting! The most fun part of this program is watching your progress and seeing the containers fill up!

F.A.Q.

Q: What Are the Pop Tabs Used For?

A: The aluminum pop tabs are recycled, just like you would recycle plastic containers or newspapers. The money generated from recycling the tabs is used in a general operating budget to ensure that the House remains open for families of sick or injured children.

Q: How Much Do You Receive From Recycling Pop Tabs?

A: The price of aluminum changes on a regular basis depending on the supply and demand. On average, the Ronald McDonald House receives $0.40-.60 per pound of aluminum tabs. Over the past 3 decades, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised.

Q: Can I Just Bring the Whole Can When Dropping Off My Tabs?

A: Due to our limited space, we **cannot** accept whole cans when donations are made to the House. However, you can always bring the cans to your **nearest recycling center** and **mail a check** to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana with a note re: pop tab program.

Q: How Do We Know When We Have Collected One Million Tabs?

A: There is no reason to count individual tabs unless you want to have students count them as part of a related project. The best way to keep track of the number of tabs collected is to estimate. You can do this by weighing the tabs on a scale. Use the Pop "Tab-ulations" guide on the right to estimate your total.

"Collect-A-Million" Club

Many groups & schools enjoy setting a goal of collecting one million tabs. By collecting one million tabs, your school, business or civic group becomes a member of the Ronald McDonald House "Collect-A-Million" Club. Hundreds of groups across the state of Indiana have become members by supporting this worthwhile fundraising project. Once the goal has been reached, groups will receive a "Collect-A-Million" plaque.

Dropping Off Tabs

1. Drop Off At Ronald McDonald House

Drop off your pop tabs at the Ronald McDonald House, located at 435 Limestone St. on the IU Indianapolis campus. Tabs may be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. If you are dropping off a large quantity of tabs (say, over 100,000) or if you have reached your million-tab goal, please contact us ahead of time. At this time, the Ronald McDonald House cannot pick up the tabs from your group, school, or organization.

2. Drop Off At a Participating Recycling Partner

Deliver your tabs to a participating local Recycling Partner throughout the State of Indiana. Please see list here. Make sure you tell them they are for the "Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis." Also, please be sure to give the name of your group and its complete mailing address, along with a contact name and telephone number.

3. Drop Off At Your Local McDonald's Restaurant

Drop off your tabs at your local McDonald's restaurant. Many McDonald's accept pop tabs on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Central Indiana, especially in Central and Southern Indiana. Please contact your local restaurant to see if they will accept your tabs. We do not keep a list of what restaurants accept tabs. Please reach out to your local McDonald's to ensure your location accepts them.

(Note: Indiana tabs dropped off at McDonald's restaurants are shipped to the distribution center in Ohio where they are combined with tabs from Ohio collectors. All of the tabs are combined and the proceeds are split evenly between RMHC of Central Indiana and RMHC of Central Ohio).

If none of the above options work for you, tabs can also be taken to your nearest scrap metal or recycling process center. Once processed you can collect the money they offer and send that (**in the form of a check)** made out to Ronald McDonald House Central Indiana Attn: Pop Tab Program, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Remember to include the name of your group (if applicable), complete mailing address, contact name and telephone number.

Recycling Partners

OmniSource – West St.
2115 S West St.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Phone: (317) 381-5800

OmniSource – Keystone Avenue
850 S Keystone Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203
Phone: (317) 974-1000

Material Recycling
2340 N Burkhardt Rd
Evansville, IN 47715-2156
Phone: (812) 476-6422

Recycling Center, Inc.
630 South M St
Richmond, IN 47374
Phone: (765) 966-8295

Sugar Creek Scrap, Inc.
1201 West National Avenue
West Terre Haute, IN 47885
Phone: (812) 533-2147

Kroots Recycler
2915 State Street
Columbus, IN 47201
Phone: (812) 372-1815

Wright's Salvage
4466 South Old 41
Sullivan, IN 47864
Phone: (812) 268-3206

Sam Winer & Co., Inc.
923 Edwardsburg Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46514
Phone: (574) 293-9031

Schneider's Scrap Metal
506 W. Eckert St.
Osgood, IN 47037
Phone: (812) 689-4549

Goodman & Wolf
1350 S. College Ave
Terre Haute, IN 47802
Phone: (812) 234-4612

OmniSource – Oliver Avenue
2210 Oliver Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46221
Phone: (317) 381-5800

OmniSource - Northside
1212 E 25th St
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Phone: (317) 937-2727

Sims Metal Mgmt.
156 East US Highway 20
Chesterton, IN 46304
Phone: (219) 926-8726

Oscar Winski Co., Inc.
2407 N 9th St Rd
Lafayette, IN 47904
Phone: (765) 742-1102

Pike County Solid Waste
703 East Main Street
Petersburg, IN 47567
Phone: (812) 354-2924

Metro Recyclers
1501 East Main Street
Griffith, IN 46319
Phone: (219) 922-1830

Phillips Iron & Metal
1515 East 22nd Street
Anderson, IN 46016-4613
Phone: (765) 644-6649

South Bend Waste Paper
PO Box 2347
South Bend, IN 46613
Phone: (574) 234-7181

Crossroads Recycling
100 Eastview Dr.
Franklin, IN 46131
Phone: (317) 736-6099

Serve-All
4400 New Haven Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
Phone: (260) 420-2273

Want to Do More?

There are so many opportunities to become more involved at Ronald McDonald House Central Indiana

- **Become a Champion for the House:** Follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram** and share our information with family and friends!

- **Host Jar Wars:** Create a competition between teams, classrooms, departments, etc. to raise money for the House. The goal for "Jar Wars" is to collect as many pennies as possible in your team's jar and put as many non-pennies into everyone else's jar. Pennies give your team positive points while nickels, dimes, quarters, etc. take points away from the total. It's a fun way to stir some friendly competition and raise money for a good cause.

- **Provide a Meal:** After a long day at the hospital, there's nothing more appreciated than a home-cooked meal. Get together with friends, family or co-workers to plan a menu and prepare a comforting meal for our families. You can also help provide a freezer meal to feed Ronald McDonald House families when we have a cancellation or do not have a meal group pre-scheduled. You bring the ingredients and a disposable pan, we provide the kitchen. Learn more here.

- **Shop From Our Wish Lists:** Thousands of families come through our doors each year, so as you can imagine, our supply of snack foods, cleaning supplies, toiletry items and more, dwindles quickly.

  It's only through the support and generosity of our community that we are able to provide a comfortable space and home-like atmosphere for our families. Find out more about our Wish Lists here.

- **Become a Volunteer:** Give your time, your talents, and a friendly face to families with sick children. Become a recurring volunteer, bring your service group, serve a meal, and more. Learn more about volunteer opportunities here.

- **Host Your Own Fundraiser:** Hosting a Fundraiser makes a BIG impact for families who depend on our services. Your efforts help provide more than 16,000 overnight stays for families every year – that's more time for hugs, more time for sharing smiles, more time together. Learn more here.