

**Ronald McDonald House Charities  
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Three organizations join forces to give families a place to rest at new Ronald McDonald House

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Families will rest a little easier thanks to a donation of 48 beds from Tempur-Pedic®. “These beds will help to bring the comfort of home to hundreds of Ronald McDonald House families who will stay at the House to be near their children in local hospitals” said Andrea Farage, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House.

Jamie Sysk, Distribution Lead for Tempur-Pedic’s corporate office, will visit the current Ronald McDonald House located at 5154 Bayou Boulevard as volunteers assemble 14 of the beds upon delivery. “We’re excited that the families we’re currently serving will immediately benefit from this donation,” said Farage.

Also lending a helping hand to Ronald McDonald House will be 8 military volunteers from NATTC Pensacola who will be on site at PODS to unload and store the remaining 34 mattresses for use at the future 26-bedroom Ronald McDonald House. Chaplain Hicks says of the group’s effort, “We’re always happy to volunteer our time to Ronald McDonald House whenever possible to help them provide more resources for the families and kids staying there.”

PODS will store the remaining Tempur-Pedic mattresses in 5 storage units as a donation to the children’s charity until the construction of the new House is complete, a service worth an estimated \$5,700. “We’re making this donation to Ronald McDonald House, not only because it will help the children and families here in our community, but because this gift will impact families from all across Northwest Florida. I am a proud partner of this charity which helps so many in their time of need,” said Curt Morse, owner of PODS.

“I’m just amazed at all of the organizations that will come together to make a donation of this magnitude possible,” said Farage. “With the help of these dedicated volunteers and businesses, we are able to provide a continuum of care for Ronald McDonald House families who will use our services now and as we transition to our larger home later this year.”

Media partners are invited to join Tempur-Pedic, PODS and volunteers at the current Ronald McDonald House on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. as nearly \$146,000 worth of products and services are donated to the charity.

If you are able to attend to report this event to our community, please call 850-477-2273 or email [campaign@rmhpensacola.org](mailto:campaign@rmhpensacola.org).

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