



## Donation Helps Hospitalized Kids

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As nonprofit organizations are challenged to maintain funding while revenue sources continue to tighten up, one Sioux Falls company has come forward with a large gift to the Ronald McDonald House to help children in hospitals. KDLT's Matt Johnson has the story.

Sioux falls-based bell incorporated announced a 100 thousand dollar donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota, in an attempt to beef up available housing for families of children staying in hospitals.



Bell Inc. Vice President Ben Graham says "We think it's very important in taking care of families when children have times of need and medical attention. It provides a comfortable safe environment for families to be close to loved ones during a time of need."

Bell and McDonalds have a long-time partnership, with bell providing the packaging that holds french fries and chicken mcnuggets. The donation will

help with the completion of the second Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls, which charity president tom Madison says is much needed in the city.

Tom Madison Ronald McDonald House Charities says "We already have one house open and that house is at times full with a waiting list depending on the influx of need in the hospitals, so it's really critical that we get a second house built and operating."

While the current Ronald McDonald House has room for eight families, this new 25 thousand square foot facility will have 18 guest units, complete with a game room and exercise room. And with the Sanford Childrens Hospital now open, Madison says the need for lodging will only increase.



Madison says "I think it's going to grow very substantially because we're going to probably draw in families from an ever wider region into this community and sadly a large number of them will not be able to afford lodging anywhere else."

So while the economy is rough, bell incorporated is doing what they can to make the new Ronald McDonald House, a supersized one. The projected completion date of the second Ronald McDonald House is October 1st.