

## **Bell Inc. gives \$100,000 to Sanford Ronald McDonald House**

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Bell Inc., a growing folding-carton maker in Sioux Falls, is giving \$100,000 to the Ronald McDonald House near Sanford Children's Hospital.

"South Dakota is home to Bell and our 225 employees," said Ben Graham, vice president of the company. "Here, we have had the opportunity to grow a thriving business and hire amazingly talented people. So it's not only a responsibility, but a joy, to give something back."

In addition, Bell and McDonald's restaurants have a long-standing business relationship. Bell provides packaging for products such as McDonald's fries and chicken nuggets.

Fundraising is under way to complete construction of two new McDonald charity houses in Sioux Falls to replace one existing house. The other new house is near Avera McKennan Hospital. Ronald McDonald Houses provide temporary housing to families of hospitalized children.

"For over 25 years, we've offered comfortable rooms and a place for families to connect with others in similar situations so that they can focus on the one thing that matters above all else – helping their children get well," says Marsha Frericks, executive director of Ronald McDonald House of Charities in South Dakota. "Bell's gift to the Sanford House will help make it possible for us to provide this comfort and support to even more children and their families."