

PRESS RELEASE

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Ronald McDonald House Charities (Malta) holds first fund-raiser

More than 230 guests attended the Ronald McDonald House Charities (Malta)'s first fundraising dinner at Villa Arrigo, San Pawl tat-Targa, recently. All proceeds from the event went towards RMHC's Learning Centre which is currently being finished in Qawra. RMHC Malta is the local Chapter of the global Ronald McDonald House Charities network.

Covering an area of 360 square metres, the learning centre will host programmes to improve the health and wellbeing of children and teens facing life challenges related to poverty, disability and learning difficulties. In partnership with organisations like the Inspire Foundation and LEAP, RMHC Malta will run programmes to assist children and young people and their families, including a life-skills development programme (ages 11 to 16) and a culinary therapy programme (ages 10 to 16).

At the event, guests enjoyed a exquisite meal with entertainment by talented singer songwriter Desi Campbell. RMHC Malta Chairman Martin Xuereb presented some lucky guests with gifts drawn by lot as an expression of gratitude for their support. Gifts included a Paul Carbonaro painting, a weekend stay at 10 Strait Street in Valletta, a hamper of wines from Charles Grech & Co, a magnum of Andreola prosecco courtesy of San Antonio Co Ltd, dinner for two at Paranga at Intercontinental Malta, and an iPad from iSpot Apple Premium Reseller.

The event was also supported by Villa Arrigo, Desi Campbell, Fontanella Tea Garden, Magro Brothers, P. Cutajar and Co Ltd, General Soft Drinks and Le Meridien St Julian's Hotel and Spa.

Notes to Editors

Photocaptions:

(RMHC Dinner 1) (l-r) Vanessa Bajada, Elisa Tombion, Morgan Parnis, Debbie Pavia

(RMHC Dinner 2) Max Lion, Fiona Hili, Claire Borg Cardona, Rosella Grima, David Stellini

(RMHC Dinner 3) Melo Hili, Simon Attard Montalto, Brian Grima, Simon Borg Cardona

(RMHC Dinner 4) Stefan Cachia, Joe Aquilina, Joanna Ripard, Simon Attard Montalto, Martin Xuereb

About Ronald McDonald House Charities

The Ronald McDonald House Charities Malta Chapter was set up in 2012 to create, fund and support programmes to directly improve the health and wellbeing of children. Right now, the charity is finishing a purpose-built Learning Centre in Qawra to serve children challenged by poverty, disability and learning difficulties. On its own and in partnership with other organisations, RMHC Malta will offer educational and therapeutic programmes to assist children and young people on the autism spectrum gain the core skills and competences necessary in adulthood. RMHC Malta depends on corporate benefactors to fulfil its mission. It is particularly grateful to McDonald's customers in Malta for dropping their change in the RMHC boxes in restaurants around the islands.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities is an international non-profit network that keeps families with sick children close to each other and to the care and resources they need (www.rmhc.org). McDonald's has been the RMHC's Mission Partner since the first Ronald McDonald House was built in Philadelphia in 1974. RMHC delivers programmes and services in more than 64 countries and regions and impacts the lives of more than 5.5 million children and their families around the world every year.

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