

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Community Liaison Officer for Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Perth.

Since 1992, I've enjoyed a long association with RMH both as a volunteer and a staff member and I am proud to be a part of a charity that makes a difference in the lives of families every single day.

Our charity is tangible – you can touch and see the difference we make to children and their families, we're professional and proactive and are viewed as one of the most respected children's charities in Australia.

For 22 years, RMH has provided an essential service to thousands of regional families of seriously ill children to enable them to stay close to their child in a home-like environment while their child is undergoing treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital.

When families have to travel far from home to receive specialized medical care for their sick child, seeking accommodation in an unfamiliar place only adds to their stress and anxiety.

Treatment can take many months, if not years, and before RMH was built, many parents spent long nights sleeping in a chair next to their child's bed or even in their car outside the hospital.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak to the members of your Lions clubs about our programs and how we provide a true home away from home for families of seriously ill children.

If interested, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9346-9000 or email me at [jeannie@rmhwa.com.au](mailto:jeannie@rmhwa.com.au) and I would be delighted to schedule a time that is mutually convenient.