



Keeping families close™

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**FORT WAYNE, IN** — The Michiana Wine Festival, Fort Wayne's first spring festival, has selected its 2020 Charity Partner — Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Indiana (RMHC NEIN).

The mission of RMHC NEIN is to create, find and support programs that directly impact the health and well-being of children and their families. Locally, RMHC NEIN operates the Ronald McDonald House at Parkview. The Ronald McDonald House serves the families of hospitalized children 21 and younger. In 2019, the Ronald McDonald House provided overnight accommodations, meals, and an environment of rest and encouragement to 523 families at absolutely no charge. Visit [rmhc-neindiana.org](http://rmhc-neindiana.org) to learn more.

3Barrels Events, the festival's parent company, has pledged a portion of each online ticket sold to be donated to RMHC NEIN. Online tickets can be purchased at [www.michianawinefestival.com](http://www.michianawinefestival.com).

"We are excited to partner with Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana for our 2020 festival," said Nichole Thomas, Michiana Wine Festival Co-Director. "We are in awe of the work the organization does on a daily basis and we hope to support them in bringing families the hope, comfort and rest that they need to stay close to their sick child."

The one-day festival on Saturday, April 25, features 100+ wine samples from a variety of Indiana wineries, along with live music, a spring craft market and more than a dozen local food trucks. A Wine at the Line 5K run on Friday, April 24, will kick off the weekend.

In addition to the portion donated for each ticket purchased online, the festival will also donate \$5 per festival ticket sold directly by RMHC NEIN. For details on how to purchase tickets from the #MWF2020 Charity Partner directly, visit their website at [rmhc-neindiana.org](http://rmhc-neindiana.org).

"We are pleased to have Michiana Wine Festival as a Ronald McDonald House partner," said Jen Veatch, Chief Executive Officer of RMHC NEIN. "The support from this event will make a tangible impact on families with ill children by providing a home away from home for the duration of their child's hospital stay."

For festival details, visit [www.michianawinefestival.com](http://www.michianawinefestival.com) or contact festival organizers at [info@michianawinefestival.com](mailto:info@michianawinefestival.com). Follow #MWF2020 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.