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### Pop Tab Recycling Program

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois, located in Springfield, Illinois, provides a "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are receiving medical care in Springfield.

#### Pop Tab Facts

- 1 inch = 1 pop tab
- 1 meter = 40 tabs
- 1 pound = 1267 tabs
- 1 kilometer = 40,000 tabs
- 1 mile = 63,360 tabs
- 1 cup = 196 tabs

Since opening in 1986, we have been a "home away from home" for over 11,000 families from all over the United States and from many foreign countries. There is no charge for the families to stay with us, however it does cost us about \$60 to house each family each night.

One hundred percent of the money we collect from recycling pop tabs helps us cover the costs of families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What do you do with the pop tabs?**

We recycle them. The money we collect goes directly towards our operating budget. Each year nearly 40,000,000 tabs are collected for our House. When recycled this adds up to about \$10,000.

#### **Why not the can also?**

Cans are messy and take up much more space. Pop tabs are clean, compact and easy to collect.

#### **Do I need a special container?**

No. Any clean, large mouth container will work. You can download various labels from our website and apply to recycled containers (like coffee containers, milk jugs, boxes, etc.).



*Pull that tab*

#### **Do we need to collect a certain amount or count them?**

No. Although some schools will make a math or science project out of collecting a million, we will take as many as you collect. Teachers can download a resource guide from our website. We anticipate launching a collection contest for schools in 2009-2010.

#### **We've collected a whole bunch. Now what?**

You can drop them off at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, 610 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. or call us at 217-528-3314 for further drop off information.

Share your ideas on how your school or group could become more actively involved with the Ronald McDonald House. Call us at 217-528-3314 or email [rmh.springfield.rm@hotmail.com](mailto:rmh.springfield.rm@hotmail.com)