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**Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York  
Welcomes New Team Member**

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York** has hired **Kristen Duda**, of Manlius, New York, as an event and fundraising specialist.

Duda is responsible for the planning and implementation of the organization's annual internal fundraising events, including the Bella Casa Fashion Show, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York Golf Invitational and Many Hearts One Home Celebration. She will also manage external community and individual events that benefit the organization and will maintain the organization's social media accounts.

Prior to joining Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York, Duda worked at United Way of Central New York for eight years. She has a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

**About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York:** Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY operates the CNY Ronald McDonald House 24 hours a day, year-round as a "home away from home" for families whose children are hospitalized with serious illnesses or injuries. For just \$20 a night per family, the House provides the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, and support and compassion. The fully accessible Ronald McDonald House allows the organization to help keep even more families with seriously ill children together. For more information or to donate, visit [www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org](http://www.cnyronaldmcdonaldhouse.org).

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