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Ronald McDonald House Provides a Home in Canberra

Funding for the construction of a Ronald McDonald House in Canberra will be boosted by a \$1.1 million contribution from the ACT Government, the Minister for Health and Community Care, Michael Moore, said today.

The construction of the House – costing over \$10million - was announced in October 1999. The ACT Government's \$1.1million contribution was first raised in the Draft Budget in January.

The House will form part of the redeveloped YMCA building in the city.

It is the 11th in Australia and will provide subsidised accommodation for up to nine families when it opens in 2001.

"The ACT Government is delighted to welcome Ronald McDonald House to Canberra," Mr Moore said.

"The construction of the House is an excellent example of a positive and workable partnership between Government and private enterprise."

"Throughout Australia, families in need and stress have found a warm and friendly home in Ronald McDonald Houses."

"The collective efforts of Government and private enterprise will produce a much-needed facility, which will be appreciated by families outside Canberra who need medium- to long-term accommodation close to our hospitals," he said.

Canberra's Ronald McDonald House will be a home away from home for families and carers of children with serious illnesses who are attending Canberra and Calvary Hospitals. It will also cater for families and children who come to Canberra to use other ACT health services.

Construction is expected to commence in September this year.

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