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... of Long Island



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## Groundbreaking Marks Launch Of Expansion Campaign



Leaders of the capital campaign committee for a bigger and better Ronald McDonald House of Long Island officially broke ground on Wednesday, November 28, before an assemblage of family, friends, local TV and newspaper reporters, public officials and photographers. The ceremony marked the launch of our long-awaited dream to expand.

The ceremony included inspirational presentations by founders Lyn Jurick and Bill Mohrmann, Chairman Ira Altfeder, President Larry Anderer and Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney. However, the 100-plus guests gathered here were most touched by the words of Susan Zytka, a mother who stayed at our House while her first-born son Lance was undergoing treatment at Schneider Children's Hospital.

"The House brings people in desperate situations hope and offers a place of safety in the shadow of fear... On any given day there are decisions to be made for a child, involving life and love, destiny and death, hope and faith. Because of this place, parents can concentrate on what is important," she said in part.

Following a sumptuous lunch, everyone departed knowing we have a big job ahead of us!

*Below: Putting shovel to soil for the official groundbreaking are (from left) John S. T. Gallagher, CEO, North Shore/LIJ Health System; Mayur T. Dalal, Lawrence J. Anderer and Ira I. Altfeder, Co-chairmen of the Capital Campaign Committee; Ronald McDonald; Lyn Jurick and Bill Mohrmann, Co-Chairs, Capital Campaign Board of Advisors; Dr. Philip Lanzkowsky, Chief of Staff, Schneider Children's Hospital; Stuart Krueger, former Chairman of the Board and Alex Levy, Co-Chairman, Building Committee.*

“ Our mission is to strive in all ways possible to relieve the stress and pain of illness by minimizing disruption in the family's life. ”  
— Lyn Jurick

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*Lyn Jurick, one of the original founders of the House, reminds the McDonald Owners and Operators in the room how many years it took her to convince them to create the House.*

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