



Nick Shutwell

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Madison Board of Directors

Nick is a seasoned business leader in the areas of sales, marketing, and business development. He is currently the Senior Vice President of Growth for Clearcover, a new technology startup in the auto insurance industry. Nick spent most of his career in health insurance (UnitedHealth Group and John Deere Healthcare) before moving to the Madison area in 2014 to lead strategic partnerships and partner distribution for American Family Insurance.

Nick has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Information Systems from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and an MBA from The University of Iowa.

Nick's family is well connected in the down syndrome and special needs community in Madison and around the country. See below. They also bring personal experience with RMHC having been introduced during their time at St. Mary's and use of the RMHC Family Room.

Professionally, Nick's work is mostly outside of Madison, however, his experience could be helpful in strategic planning, marketing, creative ideation, or larger-scale partnerships.

Nick is married with three children and resides in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. He is an avid sports fan and outdoor enthusiast and has a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship.

After moving to the Madison-area in 2014, Nick and his wife (Melissa) learned prenatally that their third child (Augie) would be born with down syndrome and would require open heart surgery soon after birth. Following Augie's birth, they spent the first six weeks in the St. Mary's NICU while he had one surgery and waited for his open-heart surgery when he was three months old at AFCH. While living in Sun Prairie was not far away from St. Mary's, they took advantage of the opportunity to stay at the Family Room to stay close to their son.

While Augie requires a couple extra doctor appointments here and there (often at AFCH), his health is great, and he has been an incredible blessing to the family! After their family life got back into a groove, Nick and Melissa were seeking ways to give back and get further engaged in the community. Nick specifically remembered their visit at the RMHC Family Room and the respite they received while caring for their son. He recalled seeing a list of potential donation items on the Family Room front desk but felt that he needed to give back in a bigger way. Nick engaged with RMHC and subsequently agreed to join the board.

Nick's family is well connected in the down syndrome and special needs community. Organizations that they're actively involved with include Madison Area Down Syndrome Society (MADSS), GiGi's Playhouse, and Miracle League of Dane County.

<https://www.madss.org>

<https://gigisplayhouse.org>

<https://www.danecountymiracleleague.com>

Nick's wife, Melissa, is also the President of the national Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN), Director of Wonderfully Made, a ministry for individuals with special and unique needs, at Heartland Church in Sun Prairie and the Executive Director of Night to Remember, a prom-like event for students and adults with special needs in the Madison area.

<https://www.dsdiagnosisnetwork.org>

<https://www.weareheartland.us/wonderfully-made>

<https://www.ntrheartland.com>