



**Shannon Wendricks**  
**Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors**

Shannon was first introduced to the Ronald McDonald House when her husband's niece was born with a diaphragmatic hernia and the family lived an hour away from the hospital. Shannon was moved by the RMHC Mission by seeing how the House became her sister-in-law's home-away-from home.

She was drawn further into a career in healthcare following her own experience of being hospitalized for over 120 days. In 2007, Shannon left her corporate career for a position within the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at UnityPoint Health-Meriter.

She has held multiple leadership positions throughout UPH-Meriter, using her passion for training, execution of operational process improvement, strategic planning, and managing complex projects. Since 2017, Shannon has facilitated the Joint Operating Agreement Integration between UW Health and UPH-Meriter. In her current role as Director of Integration & Implementation, she oversees Epic Informatics, Project Management, Process Engineering, Strategic Planning and Execution. Shannon is Planning Chief within the hospital incident command structure and served in a variety of roles within the COVID Command Center, including Planning Chief and Operations Chief.

Shannon earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin School of Social Work. Though born and raised in the Midwest, Shannon's entire family lives on the East Coast. She lives in Cottage Grove along with her husband, Paul, and their two children, Gavin (18) and Brooklyn (15). They are water skiing enthusiasts and all four are members of the Mad-City Ski Team where Shannon has been a member of the board. She is a member of 100+ Women Who Care and serves her community with ties to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County and the Clean Lakes Alliance.

While working in the NICU, Shannon had the opportunity to see firsthand the impact of RMHC services and looks forward to leveraging her personal and professional experiences in healthcare while serving on the Board.