


COLUMBIA ROOFING AND SHEET METAL REROOFED THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE IN PORTLAND, OREGON.



## An Honorable Job

### Reroof for Children's Charity in Portland, Oregon

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olumbia Roofing and Sheet Metal, a specialty roofing contractor in the Pacific Northwest and Southern California, recently worked with other local partners on a \$1.4 million remodeling and reroof project at Ronald McDonald House Charities®. Located on the Legacy Campus in Portland, Oregon, East House hosts families while their children are receiving care at nearby hospitals and clinics. In 2015, Ronald McDonald House Charities committed to elevating the guest experience for thousands of seriously ill children and their families by making significant renovations and capital improvements to their Ronald McDonald East House. Their goal is to make critical building improvements to their 17-year-old Ronald McDonald House while investing in an elevated guest experience by

increasing wheelchair access, adding new living spaces, and improving the livability and usability of their house for their guests.

The condition of the approximately 20,500 sq.ft. roof was in poor shape, and it showed a lot of wear and moss growth. Columbia Roofing and Sheet Metal replaced the old three tab shingles with GAF-donated premium Timberline® shingles. There was minimal dry rot, so it was caught before the roof had completely failed. The access and location of the building made the logistics of the project more difficult. The Ronald McDonald House had a very small parking lot and a lot of garden and landscaped areas that needed to be protected from damage. There was a playground in the front that needed to be secured while workers were above in order to protect people on the ground. The height of the building on the back meant that all tear off debris had to be brought to the front of the building and down loaded with a forklift. Along with GAF, other project contributors included United Rentals® with a discount on a forklift rental; Allied® Building Products with a free delivery of all materials and donation of several acces-

sories; and Waste Management® with a discount for disposal fees for the roof tear off.

Columbia Roofing and Sheet Metal provided the logistics, some of the labor, and all of the management of the project. Columbia managed all fall protection and all safety requirements. This was a high profile project that could not have any issues with installation or logistics while removing the old roof and sheet metal and installing new products.

CEO Jessica Jarratt Miller of Ronald McDonald House Charities, Oregon and Southwest Washington, said she was thrilled with the installation of the new roof. "Thank you so much for your generosity and for reaching out to your community of vendors and partners to keep our Ronald McDonald House safe and dry for all the children and families that make this their home away from home," Miller noted. "You are our hero."

Columbia Roofing and Sheet Metal president Mark Carpenter said he felt honored to work on this project with the other major donor companies. "We are so honored to be able to help with this project," Carpenter said. "At the end of the day we all need to take care of the people who need help at a very stressful time in life. I am very fortunate to be in a position to help." 