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## **OVOLO TAKES HOTEL AND RESTAURANT HOSPITALITY TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Ovolo Hotels took their hospitality and effortless living ethos to Ronald McDonald House to help empower and recharge Australian families when they most need it.

Ronald McDonald House's mission is to provide families with a safe 'home away from home' while their child receives treatment, a sentiment which Ovolo continually strives to provide for their guests. Across Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane, Ovolo executives and their teams banded together to 'Make a Meal' in support of the well-being of these families, kicking off this alignment all together in one place. The 'Make a Meal' program saw Ovolo cook up a healthy, home-cooked mid-week meal for families of Ronald McDonald House in the hope of alleviating some pressures of their situation, however seemingly small.

Founder and CEO of Ovolo, Girish Jhunjhnuwala lent further insights into this partnership, stating "Community has always been of utmost importance to us, and we're proud to work with organisations such as Ronald McDonald House who are able to provide support to the members of our communities who need it most. We look forward to being able to extend the level of care and service, our guests experience every day to some extremely well-deserving members of the public and doing what we can to make their lives a little more effortless in the face of adversity."

Home is where the heart is, and there isn't a whole lot heartier or more comforting than a warm, home cooked meal. Ronald McDonald House's National Corporate Partnerships Manager Benita Gevorkian shared that "after long days by their child's bedside, the last thing families have on their mind is dinner. Having Ovolo on board to give our families a well-deserved break will go a long way in reducing the stresses of everyday life at a challenging time in an unfamiliar city."

### **'Make a Meal' Dates**

#### ***22<sup>nd</sup> October at Ronald McDonald House Canberra***

- Ovolo's Creative Culinary Partner Ian Curley for Ovolo Nishi and Monster Kitchen and Bar, fronted the team from Ovolo Nishi to feed 30.

#### ***28<sup>th</sup> October at Ronald McDonald House Randwick***

- Ovolo Woolloomooloo and Alibi Bar & Kitchen Executive Chef Brent Morley led the helm of the Sydney crew to feed 40.

#### ***30<sup>th</sup> October at Ronald McDonald House Herston***

- Head Chef Dario Manca of ZA ZA TA took on the task of feeding 130 with the help of Ovolo volunteers from both Brisbane properties (Ovolo Inchcolm in Spring Hill and Ovolo The Valley in Fortitude Valley).

As of November 2019, to support Ronald McDonald House in continuing to help more than 10,000 families each year across 18 properties in Australia, Ovolo are taking their team to task. Ovolo's Australian team of 400 will become a Working Bee force charged with alleviating the everyday pressures. Whether in the kitchen cooking meals, cleaning the houses, sitting down at a family room, or welcoming families into their hotel homes across Australia for a deserved stay/break away. Committing their Working Bee taskforce to a monthly rotating roster of chores as required by those in residence, volunteers will visit the house at least twice a year with the opportunity to put their hand up for more.

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### **About Ovolo Group**

Ovolo Group was founded by entrepreneur, Girish Jhunjhnuwala in 2002 and has quickly become one of Hong Kong's most dynamic and largest independent owner, operator hospitality firms by providing business and leisure guests with the best in effortless living across numerous hotels and F&B outlets internationally.

The company keeps in touch with the modern traveller through award-winning interior designs, detail-driven comforts, focused value-added service like free mini bar, breakfast, Wi-Fi plus more and cutting-edge technology - all done in Ovolo's signature style. At the 2019 HM Awards, Ovolo Hotels were acknowledged for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence, receiving the accolade "Hotel Brand of the Year".

A proud Hong Kong brand, Ovolo Group remains a family-owned and privately-operated business operating four hotels and four restaurants in Hong Kong, and six hotels and five restaurants across Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. Ovolo is also developing new hotels in Melbourne, Australia (South Yarra and South Melbourne) and Bali, Indonesia.

Ovolo Group has also recently launched Mojo Nomad a co-habitation concept for global nomads that combines travel, lifestyle and community at its core. Mojo Nomad's currently located in Hong Kong's Central and Aberdeen Harbour neighbourhoods and will be entering the Australian market in the near future.