

# Pop Tab Fun Facts

This fundraising concept started in 1987 with 30 families from VFW Post # 295 in South St. Paul, Minnesota. The organization set out to raise \$ 500.00 for their Ronald McDonald House. The program has since spread across the country. To date, over 400 million pop tabs have been collected generating close to a million dollars nationally.

The Ronald McDonald House of the Four States started its pop tab fundraising program in 1997. To date, more than \$29,000 has been raised to support our House.



Yes, pop tabs. That little insignificant tab you pull to open a can of pop (or pet food, veggies, or any other can with a ring tab), can make a significant impact on your fundraising future. The aluminum can is valuable, but the tab is made of a more pure, high-grade aluminum. This small metal tab is like a gold nugget to our House. It's easily removed from the can.

- **The ring-pull can known today was invented in 1962.**
- **Mr. Ermal Frazee in Kettering, Ohio invented the pop tab.**
- **Kettering's Frazee Pavilion, a popular amphitheater in Dayton, Ohio is named after the pop tab collector.**

## Pop Tab Measurement Equivalents

1 inch = 1 pop tab  
1 foot = 12 pop tabs  
1 meter = 40 pop tabs  
1 lb = 1,267 pop tabs  
1 km = 40,000 pop tabs  
1 mile = 63,360 pop tabs

**Bring your pop tabs to:**

Ronald McDonald House of the Four States  
3402 South Jackson  
Joplin, Missouri 64804

