



Mapped for Opportunity

Behind every marker on this map is a leap of faith and a story of growth. McDonald’s Franchisees come from all over and often put down roots in places they never expected. Because when the opportunity is right, the move makes sense. Where you start isn’t always where you finish.



Jamie Straza

Hometown:
Chicago, IL

Number of restaurants:
10

Relocation:
First stores in San Diego, CA to current stores in Austin, TX

“If you are open-minded about possibility, the future can look very different than what it looks like today, and that can be a great thing.”



Paul Dias

Hometown:
Turlock, CA

Number of restaurants:
22

Relocation:
First stores in Alamosa, CO to current stores in Tuscon, AZ

“We moved, we made it, and we did it together as a family. I get emotional when I think about it.”



Donte Cleaves

Hometown:
Milwaukee, WI

Number of restaurants:
4

Relocation:
First stores in Nashville, TN to current stores in Atlanta, GA

“Knowing McDonald’s has my back makes moving to a new city easier.”



Lauren Mitchell

Hometown:
Cincinnati, OH

Number of restaurants:
7

Relocation:
Started her franchise journey in Houston, TX, first stores in Cincinnati, OH to current stores in Atlanta, GA

“Go to a place, walk around, get a sense of what it might be like to live there, and if an opportunity comes up, you can take it.”



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