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news from  
the heart

APRIL



## YOU KEPT A FAMILY TOGETHER

One day our lives changed forever. We were visiting family for Christmas in Scranton when twin A erupted his sac causing my water to break. We were rushed to the hospital facing the birth of our twins at just 24 weeks.

We were admitted to the hospital for five weeks before giving birth to two premature boys. Both boys experienced lung issues, reflux and had to use a CPAP machine to breathe. One of the boys developed a milk protein allergy a few weeks after birth that placed him in the ICU.

We live in Maryland so thankfully the Ronald McDonald House of Danville is next to the Janet Weis Children's Hospital. The Ronald McDonald House of Danville was a lifesaver during a time of crisis, not just an early delivery but with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was very scary in the beginning when restrictions were placed both at the Hospital and the House, but we were grateful for the restrictions. It gave us peace of mind knowing that the restrictions would help protect their twin boys.

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville was a lifesaver. We able to walk back and forth and not worry about how we were going to travel to the boys. The staff was amazing and the volunteers who provided the meals are lifesavers. We greatly appreciated the generosity of so many during a difficult time for our family and the world at large.

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville is a helping hand at any moment, but you don't think about it until you are in that moment.



~ Ottavini Family ~

## MEALS THAT HEAL

As the pandemic continues our top priority is to ensure that our families remain healthy. With new policies and procedures in place to protect our families, we have suspended our normal in-house volunteer program that provides Meals that Heal to our families. We look forward to the day our meal program can be continued. It provides comfort and support to our families and allows them to focus on what matters the most: their child's health.

With the meal program being cancelled we need your help. For as little as \$25 you can provide a warm meal for our families. Donations can be mailed in using the enclosed form or online at [www.rmhdanville.org/donations](http://www.rmhdanville.org/donations).

Save the Date  
**Centre  
gives**  
May 12 & 13, 2020

## THANK YOU!

It's because of YOU that we can keep our families safe and continue to provide them with a "home-away-from-home" during the Coronavirus. It's because of YOU that we can overcome this epidemic and continue to provide love, hope and support. It's because of YOU that our mission is successful! On behalf of our families, THANK YOU!!!

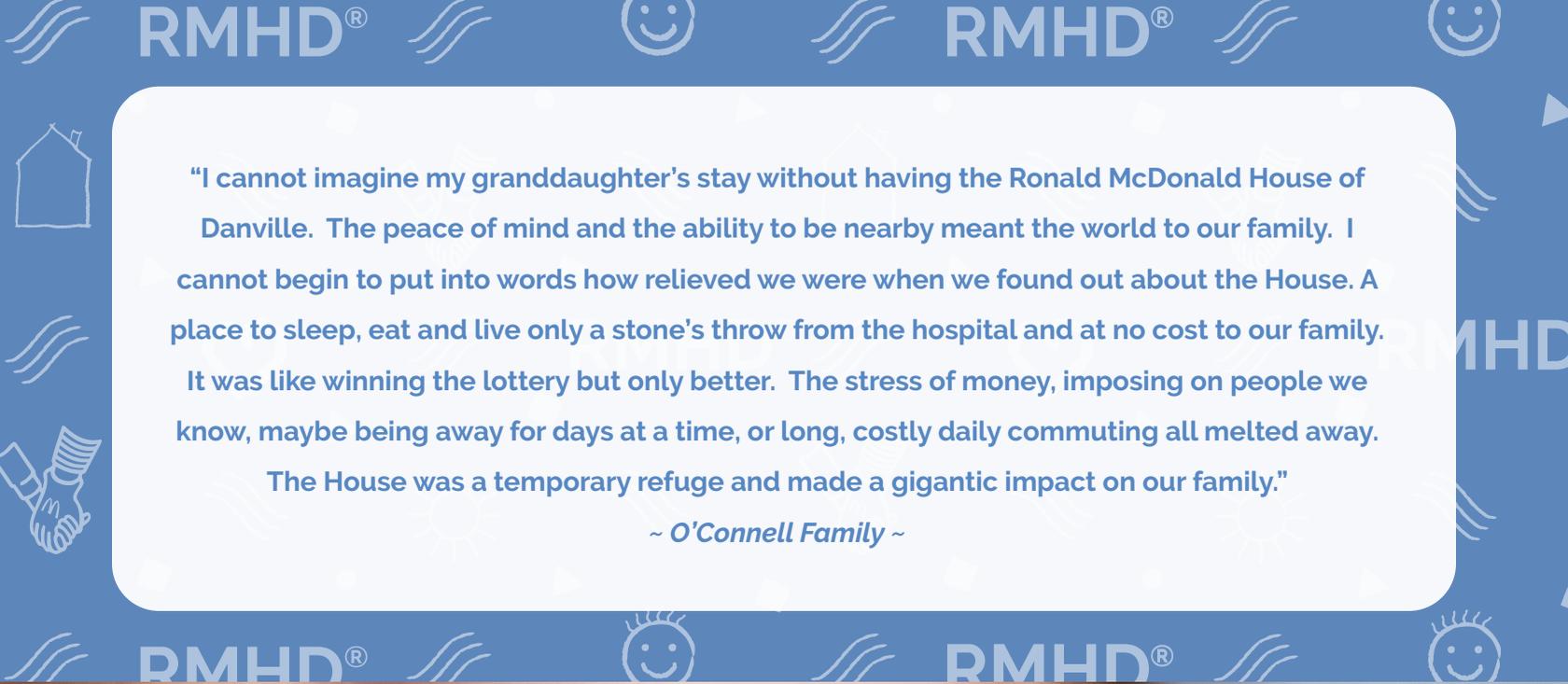
## Upcoming Events:

Centre Gives: 5/12 - 13/2020

Online donations can be made at [www.centregives.org](http://www.centregives.org) May 12th at 9 a.m. through May 13th at 9 p.m.

Virtual Golf Tournament: 6/11/2020

Visit [www.rmhdanville.org/events](http://www.rmhdanville.org/events) for additional information. You can also reach out to Ginnetta Reed at (570) 271-7937 or [glreed@rmhdanville.com](mailto:glreed@rmhdanville.com) for specific questions.



"I cannot imagine my granddaughter's stay without having the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. The peace of mind and the ability to be nearby meant the world to our family. I cannot begin to put into words how relieved we were when we found out about the House. A place to sleep, eat and live only a stone's throw from the hospital and at no cost to our family. It was like winning the lottery but only better. The stress of money, imposing on people we know, maybe being away for days at a time, or long, costly daily commuting all melted away. The House was a temporary refuge and made a gigantic impact on our family."

~ O'Connell Family ~



# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



"Over the years the Ronald McDonald House of Danville has been our "home-away-from-home". We spent so much time at the House that our phones listed the Ronald McDonald House of Danville as home. It was truly a blessing that we could stay at the House during several difficult years."

~ Culver Family ~