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news from the heart

JULY



YOU PROVIDED A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

My son Daniel and daughter Jillian first attended the 24-hour Camp Dost in 2017 while Daniel was receiving cancer treatment. The 24-hour camp was the perfect introduction to camp without being gone too long from home.

Now eight-year-old Daniel and 15-year-old Jillian love attending a week at camp and look forward to it every year. Last year was Daniel's favorite year. He grew so much as he caught his first fish, climbed the walk wall, flew across the zip line, and tried archery for the first time all because of the support he received from the counselors and staff.

The counselors bring a lot of fun, excitement, and passion to camp to help make it magical. Without the counselors and staff Camp Dost would not be the same. Returning year after year they embrace the children and make them feel like camp is the greatest place on earth. My children would rather go to Camp Dost than anywhere else in the world.

The teen campers' bond is very tight. They lean on each other, love spending the time together, and connecting with each other even outside of camp. During treatments, the teens go through a lot, they are very fragile and to have this bond is a miracle.

At the end of the week my kids do not want to leave camp. Camp Dost is an amazing experience that has allowed my children to build relationships with other children with similar interest and age. Daniel recently finished his treatment this past April and is waiting for COVID-19 to pass so they can celebrate.

~ McGeehin Family ~

CAMP DOST

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville Camp Dost program was conceived to give pediatric cancer patients the opportunity to enjoy a summer camp experience without worrying about medical care. Perhaps more important to children, there are no worries about "fitting in." At Camp Dost, they have more in common with their peers than any place else.

The camp experience has always proved to be a rich and rewarding one that leads to fond memories and unexpected life lessons. In the nurturing environment of Camp Dost, campers realize a new-found independence through personal growth. They learn to compromise, appreciate teamwork and become a self-advocate. Most importantly, they come to understand that they are not alone in their battle with cancer. Camp Dost provides a system of support like no other. It begins with the fact that each patient is permitted to invite one sibling to attend camp. Camp Dost has all the amenities with pediatric physicians and psychologists, child life specialists, social workers and many other volunteers.

THANK YOU!

It's because of YOU that we can continue to provide a free camping experience for our campers! It's an experience that allows them to recapture their childhood and enjoy activities that may have been died due to their disease. It's because of YOU that our mission is successful! On behalf of our families, THANK YOU!!

Upcoming Event:

Masquerade Ball: 9/25/2020

Visit www.rmhdanville.org/events to learn more about our upcoming events. You can also reach out to Ginnetta Reed at (570) 271-7937 or greed@rmhdanville.com with specific questions.

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One of the easiest ways to make an impact at Ronald McDonald House of Danville Camp Dost program is to include the House in your planned gift. A planned gift allows you to leave a legacy of support for children and their families, like the McGeehin family, without affecting your cash flow today. Unlike cash donations, planned gifts are typically made from your will or living trust, life insurance, retirement plans and gifts of securities rather than from disposable income. Some of these gifts may come to fruition after your lifetime.

With your help, we can continue to provide children with cancer a magical place where children can rebuild their confidence, regain a sense of independence, and enjoy the friendship of others who share their experience. It is a live changing experience for all campers, including their siblings. If you are interested in learning more about the **Friend of the House Legacy Society** please reach out to Renee Gerringer at 570-214-1490 or rgerringer@rmhdanville.com.



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"Our family had to stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Danville for six weeks because our baby was born ten weeks early and had to stay in the NICU. The Ronald McDonald House of Danville was the biggest blessing to us. We live an hour and a half away from the hospital and would not have had anywhere to stay while our son was in the hospital. The staff was amazing and the meals that were provided were a blessing."

~Eby Family~

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