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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

So, here we are again. We are back on the ship navigating the stormy ocean waves of this pandemic. I will be the first to admit that it is easy to fall into a negative emotional state as we navigate the extreme peaks and valleys of this challenging time.

As we head into another surge, we have to do all we can to manage our mental, physical, and emotional health. While the pandemic's relentless wrath persists, it doesn't change our 'pre-pandemic' reality: every day, families across our community – our sons, our daughters, our children – hear the words that parents fear most: your child is sick. And, that your child is now facing what will feel like insurmountable odds as they do battle, potentially for their very life.

Now, fast forward just a few short days or weeks: the trips to the Emergency Room at two o'clock in the morning. The endless nights spent at the hospital. The horror and raw emotion of not knowing...what happens next.

Through all of this, there is one thing that will always be there for you - and all families who need us - like a beacon of light in this dark ocean. The Ronald McDonald House of Danville has been facing the difficult question of how best to provide our services to families during the public health emergency. While we can only allow a limited number of families to stay at the house during this time, we continue to support our hospital partners and their front-line staff for the patient and families benefit.

As your board president, my goal is to always be transparent with our community- our families, donors, staff, and our community partners. Even during a pandemic, we will be the rock our families need to make it through difficult times. And we will all make it through this, together. These dark, rough seas will give way to sunlight and sandy beaches.

Jonathan Cummins
President and Chairman of the Board

THE GIFT OF TOGETHERNESS

This year has been incredibly difficult for people everywhere — especially since many of us have not been able to see and hug our loved ones as often as we would like. After all, having loved ones near can be one of the biggest sources of comfort during challenging times, particularly for a child.

This is just one of the reasons why the Ronald McDonald House of Danville works so hard to make sure families with ill and injured children can stay together during their treatment — even in the face of new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and beyond.

We are there for families considering tough questions: What if the best treatment for my child is hundreds of miles away from home? What will our family do if the treatment is extensive and requires a long stay?

In order to ensure families can always count on our programs to answer their questions, we need your help.

"The pandemic was very scary for us, but the House provided us with peace of mind. We greatly appreciated the generosity during a difficult time for our family and the world at large." The Ottavini Family

Any amount you give today will put us one step closer to supporting more families like the Ottavini family. As the world continues to navigate the far-reaching impacts of a global pandemic, one thing is clear: the need for our services is growing. And that means the need for your support is growing, too. It's critical we meet that increasing need for the families and children depending on us, and you can help.

No matter what you can give, you can feel good knowing your donation today will help the families we serve every day, giving them the greatest gift: being together during one of the hardest times they will face.

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THE GIFT THAT PROVIDES PEACE AND COMFORT

Compassion and generosity are lofty virtues, but they are at the center of our House mission. This is what makes our lives joyful and meaningful. It is the tenderness we share and give to our families. When you make a monthly, recurring gift, YOU give the gift of togetherness and support families like the Ottavini family. Monthly gifts ensure that the lights will always be shining bright for our families -- providing a sense of peace and comfort.

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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THANK YOU!

Your willingness to help critically ill children as they face a life altering crisis makes all the difference. Their fears are eased by the comfort of having their family close by. Because of YOU we can enrich their lives and improve health outcomes simply by keeping families near the care they need, when they need it the most.

On behalf of our families, THANK YOU!!!

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