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PROVIDING LOVE, HOPE AND CARE

Living in Mifflin County, PA the closest hospital does not have a NICU. When we discovered that my baby had tumors and measured over four weeks ahead, we made the decision to deliver almost two hours away from home at Geisinger in Danville. On New Year's Day 2017 our baby was born healthy at 10 pounds 12 ounces. However, due to some complications the delivery was shifted to a cesarean. The doctor indicated that any further deliveries would also have to be cesarean by 37 weeks of gestation.

My second baby arrived healthy in 2018. In September of 2019, I made one last trip to the labor and delivery unit at Geisinger to have my third baby. Arriving at 35 weeks and two days and he was all but eight pounds. He was born screaming but quickly stopped crying. The doctors and nurses rushed him to the NICU where he was in critical condition for two days.

Unsure of how long we would be in the NICU, my husband had scheduled for me to stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Danville while he returned home to go to work. We never anticipated a NICU stay, but I was so thankful I was just moments away from my son's bedside. Not knowing what would happen next the House provided me with a warm "home-away-from-home".

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville was like home for me. The House provided a warm meal, place to rest and relax during this challenging time. The staff and volunteers provided assistance, comfort, and support as they reminded me to take care of myself so I could focus on my child's medical needs. Their support helped ease the anxiety of being alone, hours away from family.

My son was discharged the evening of day five and as you can imagine I was very excited to go home with my family.

~ Miller Family ~

THE GIFT THAT PROVIDES PEACE AND COMFORT

Compassion and generosity are lofty virtues, but they are the center of our House. This is what makes our lives joyful and meaningful. It is the tenderness we share and give to our families.

Providing a gift that provides peace and comfort will help support families like the Miller family. It eliminates the emotional and financial burden families face during these challenging times.

Please consider making a donation today so we can continue to provide a sense of peace and comfort. For as little as \$15 you can make a difference and keep families close to the care they need when they need it the most.



THANK YOU!

Your willingness to help critically ill children weather the crisis in their lives makes all the difference for their recovery. Their fears are eased by the comfort of knowing that their family is close by. Because of YOU we can enrich their lives by keeping families near the care they need when they need it the most.

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"We spent 85 days at the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. The House provided us with a sense of home that made going back and forth to the NICU so much better! Everyone is so kind at the House. All the food donations that are made for the guests staying at the House are wonderful!

We are so very thankful!"

~ Cross Family ~

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"When my son was in the NICU and I was sleep deprived and still in shock from the events that led us to Danville. When he was born the staff at the House made sure I ate, rested and checked on me to see if they could help in any way. They even helped pack snacks to make sure I ate at the hospital. The House was amazing and is truly a blessing when your world gets turn upside down. Being able to stay close to my son was important and it would not have happened without the House. Thank you for everything you do and supporting families in similiar situations. "

~ Woods Family~

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