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news from the heart

SEPTEMBER



PROVIDING LOVE, HOPE AND CARE

Since 1981 the House has provided love, hope and care to nearly 410,000 guests throughout Pennsylvania and beyond.

The stories we share come from all around the world, but one that is especially meaningful to us is about a family whose granddaughter, Aria, sadly lost her battle with cancer this past spring. Inspired by their granddaughter and the lives that she touched around her they found strength. They gathered their community to raise awareness about cancer, donate blood to the American Red Cross and donate goods to the Ronald McDonald House of Danville.

Recently their small-town gathered to celebrate the life of Aria, on her 7th birthday. They celebrated the lives she touched and the legacy she left behind.

Over the past 39 years, serving as a volunteer and prior board member I have been blessed to witness the kind acts from incredible donors like Aria's small community – every day. As a community we look out for each other, especially the most vulnerable among us. We do a stranger a kind turn. We lead with our hearts. It is one of the ways we get through trying times. The uplift of untold acts of human generosity, large and small. Even during times of uncertainty, together, nothing is impossible.

Providing support for our families will help eliminate additional stress, giving families the strength to focus on what is most important, their child. More now than ever our families need your support. I would strongly encourage you to give the gift of togetherness. Take comfort in knowing that you are making a difference and providing hope for children battling cancer and other serious illnesses.

Together we can help bridge the access of care and provide more positive outcomes for children.

~ Sue Oberkircher ~

THE GIFT THAT PROVIDES PEACE AND COMFORT

September is Cancer Awareness Month. With nearly 43 children in the U.S. diagnosed with cancer every day and 300,000 a year, it is imperative that we keep families near the medical resources their child needs.

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville has launched a Double Your Impact Campaign to help provide support and comfort to children with cancer and other serious illnesses. Double Your Impact campaign will run Monday, September 14th 12:00 a.m. – Wednesday, September 30th 11:59 p.m... Every dollar that is donated during that time will be matched. That means your gift will go twice as far, helping twice as many families with critically ill children.

All donations will be matched thanks to the generous support provided by Geisinger, Weis Markets, Pennsylvania Skill, MedImpact, Jersey Shore State Bank, The Williams Foundation, Ciocca Dealership, Stone State Entertainment and Brandlive. Together they have donated \$22,750.

Please help with this giving movement and make your donation today at www.rmhdanville.org/donations or by mail to the Ronald McDonald House of Danville, P.O. Box 300, Danville, PA 17821 to Double Your Impact!



THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for the support of friends like you. You gave peace and comfort to Aria and her family when they needed it the most. Together we can continue to fight the battle of cancer. Keeping families near the care they need when they need it the most!

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"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 ~



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"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 ~

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