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news from the heart

SEPTEMBER



IN A TIME OF NEED

On April 21st we arrived at the Emergency Room with our son Gradey. It was the sixth doctor's visit in a week and a half, as we desperately tried to find out why our normally healthy 15-year old son was suddenly sleeping 20 hours a day. This time was more serious as Gradey had actually passed out and had fallen. Finally the medical staff agreed to perform a CT scan. From there, things happened very quickly. We were told that there was an "abnormality" on the scan and we needed to go to Geisinger in Danville. When we were informed that a Life Flight helicopter crew was on its way to transport him, we realized that things may be worse than we had feared.

After a 2 hour drive, we arrived at Geisinger in the early morning hours of April 22nd. We quickly learned that our son had a brain tumor and would need emergency surgery. We were shocked and completely exhausted. At this point the nurses told us that there was a place where we could sleep. We were led to two small but comfortable rooms with an attached bathroom where we could collapse and get a couple hours of rest. We later realized that these rooms were a service of the Ronald McDonald House. Later that morning our son had surgery to relieve the pressure on his brain caused by a buildup of fluid. He would require more surgeries after that.

We had arrived with only the clothes that we were wearing at the time and were hours from our home in upstate New York. We were in a position i could never imagined before that day. It was at this point that one of our nurses told us about the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. She gave us the information and we headed across the parking lot. The staff welcomed us and treated us so kindly. Our stay wound up lasting 25 days. In addition to a place to stay, we were offered food, toiletries, a laundry facility and anything else that we needed. More than just the physical needs, the staff always asked us for updates on our son. We were completely blown

away by the love and care we were shown at the House.

I have no way to repay the kindness we were shown. We arrived with nothing and no where to turn to for help. I have no idea what we would have done without this place and the care they offered. Our son is now home and although we still have a long road to travel on the way to recovery, it was made so much easier due to the generosity and care we were so freely shown. Thank You!

Casey Golden and Family



THANK YOU

It is because of YOU that we have been able to provide 40 years of love, hope and caring. It is because of YOU that we can continue our mission of being a "home-away-from-home" for parents and families in need. And it is because of YOU that the Golden's were able to stay close to their son during a very difficult time. THANK YOU for all that you do each and every day to provide for families in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Planned Giving Webinar - 10/14 via zoom

Visit www.rmhdanville.org/events to learn more about our upcoming events. You can also reach out to Renee Gerringer at rgerringer@rmhdanville.com with specific questions.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"We stayed at the House for 4 months while our son grew and got stronger. Thanks to people's generous donations to the Ronald McDonald House of Danville, families like mine are able to stay close to their loved ones during critical times. We can't thank the House enough for everything they did for our family during that hard time."

The Yalch Family