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the heart

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MEET THE TURNER FAMILY

It really meant the world to have the Ronald McDonald House as a place to stay. It was one less thing to worry about while our son was in the hospital, and had such a welcoming staff and wonderful accommodations. The supervisor made sure I had clean clothes to wear as I had only packed for a three day stay after the delivery of my son.

My son Matthew was born at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. Unfortunately, his umbilical cord had a true knot and a blood clot had developed hours before delivery, cutting off oxygen to his brain, causing brain damage and multiple organ failure to his liver and kidneys. He was flown to Geisinger Medical Center by Life Flight but I was not discharged until the next day. We had 48 hours of no sleep at the labor and delivery ward to driving immediately to Geisinger Medical Center to see our son.

With the accommodations set-up at the Ronald McDonald House, we had our first night of decent sleep and a refreshing shower. They gave us food and comfy beds. They gave us clothes and anything else that we would possibly need. We are forever grateful to have been able to stay there. When we used to pass the McDonald's window with the donation box for this place, we never realized the wonderful and good things that they do here for families that are experiencing the worst nightmares of their lives.

This place is truly a blessing, and we didn't realize the value of it until we really needed it.

Thank you for your kindness,
Ashley and Allen Turner



Matthew Turner



Matthew and big brother Teddy

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Join us for Raise the Region on March 9-10, 2022! This 30-hour online giving campaign is an opportunity for our community to come together to support non-profits across the Valley.



Did you know that Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for individuals 70 1/2 or older to use their IRAs to make a charitable contribution? If you are interested in more information on QCDs, please call the Ronald McDonald House of Danville Development Office at 570-214-1490 or visit www.rmhdanville.org.



A NOTE FROM RMHD

You have done something remarkable! During a year of changes and unknowns, you maintained your commitment of ensuring our House continues to be a safe and comforting home for families with ill children.

I am humbled to have witnessed **You**, our family of donors, come together and embrace our families by continuing your very generous support. **You** extended your hearts and walked that challenging path with those parents.

We heard the beautiful words of gratitude from Allen and Ashley and how important it was for them to be close to their son Matthew. In addition, how grateful they were to have a place to rest and shower because they were a distance away from their home.

You understand these services must continue, and our House - just steps away from the hospital - remains a safe haven for families, like the Turners. I wish to join Allen and Ashley and voice my heart-felt gratitude to our family of donors. I am humbled by your ongoing kindness!

In gratitude,

Michael Turlis, Executive Director