



# news from the heart

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## Meet the Lewis Family

We have used the Ronald McDonald House for many years. In January, it will be 11 years we've used the House through our 2 wonderful boys. Our oldest started our journey and our youngest has continued our journey.

The House has definitely been a blessing to us. It has become a home-away-from-home for us and everyone there has become like family to us. Knowing that we have somewhere to go and get a good nights sleep, a hot meal, a shower, and time to just escape the hustle and bustle of the hospital is much appreciated. You don't know how much you take for granted until you don't have it at your fingertips. No family should ever have to worry about where they're going to sleep or eat, and in this day and age, it's expensive. We have made lasting friendships with many wonderful families, which has also been a blessing knowing that you're not going through this alone. A lot of the families we will stay in contact with.

We are grateful that we have the opportunity to utilize the services of the Ronald McDonald House, and we couldn't enjoy it without the generous supporters.



## Season of GIVING

This holiday season, we are especially grateful for the supporters who make it possible for us to fulfill our mission to *keep families close* as they fight pediatric illnesses. Receiving news that your child is sick is difficult for any parent or caregiver, as well as needing to travel great distances for treatment. Because of you, the Ronald McDonald House of Danville can step in to offer support to those families and a place to call home this holiday season, and beyond.

Made possible by the support of our donors, sponsors, and community partners, we offer more than just House for families going through the most difficult times. Our goal is to allow families to focus solely on their child's treatment by alleviating financial burdens. We do this by providing warm meals, household and personal care essentials, a shuttle to the hospital, a Family Room inside the hospital, and so much more.

Thank you for your kindness this past year! We are grateful that you are part of our journey in supporting the families we serve. The care we provide, to make life easier for families battling pediatric illnesses, is only possible because of the compassion of people like you. We are thankful so many of you joined us at our events, or stopped by to visit!

As we look to 2023 with anticipation, you will meet more families like the Lewis family who call the Ronald McDonald House of Danville their home-away-from-home. *Your gift during Season of Giving will help us provide comfort to the families we serve.* To donate, return the enclosed card, scan the code, or visit [rmhdanville.org](http://rmhdanville.org).



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## **SUPPORTER** Spotlight



LEFT: Jenna, along her family and friends, donated dozens of Cuddle Bears and books! Our families will enjoy these throughout the holiday season.

RIGHT: Our dear friends, the Golden family, collected all of the the items from our wishlist with the help of their school and community!



### **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF OUR FOUNDER**

This fall, we celebrated the life of our inspiring co-founder, Dr. Audrey Evans, who passed away peacefully at her home in Philadelphia. She insightfully knew that "a sick child is a sick family." This philosophy is what led her to create a place for parents to stay close to the hospital while their children were being treated. In 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors to families. Nearly 50 years later, there are now 380 Houses in 45 counties. We are honored to continue her legacy of caring for children and families here at the Ronald McDonald House of Danville.

Scan to learn more about Dr. Evans legacy

