



STACEY AND RHETT DELAURIER



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Help give the gift of togetherness!

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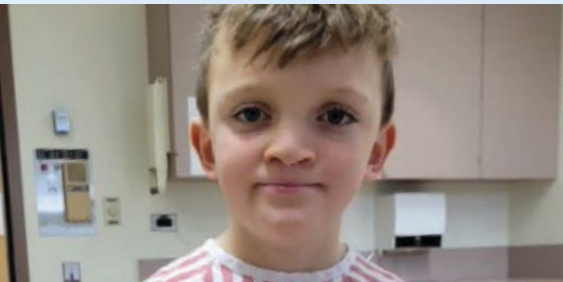
I'm Stacey, and my husband is Justin Delaurier. We are proud parents of three wonderful children: Hadley, Rhett, and Brody.

Our journey began in 2016 when baby Rhett was born in the wee hours of the morning with a bilateral cleft lip and palate, alongside other health challenges.

Rhett stayed in the NICU, where the dedicated cleft team concentrated on addressing his most significant challenge — feeding. During this time, Rhett also underwent numerous ultrasounds for his brain, heart, and kidneys, uncovering issues with his kidneys and a hole in his heart. This marked the beginning of a series of appointments and surgeries with eight completed and a ninth on the horizon.

We live in Swan River, Manitoba, a five-and-a-half-hour drive from HSC Children's Hospital. Initially, we commuted every two weeks, transitioning to monthly visits, and now, we visit every three months.

During the early stages, we found comfort in the Ronald McDonald Family Room within the hospital. However, our greatest blessing was access to Ronald McDonald House, where we've resided on and off for the last seven years. It provides our family with a warm, welcoming environment, allowing us to do our own laundry, receive and cook meals, and keep our family close. This includes our other children and grandparents, especially during Rhett's surgeries.



FAMILIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

Please consider making a donation to RMHC Manitoba by December 31st so sick children can be close with their families and stronger together.

Since our new Ronald McDonald House program opened last fall, it has supported 490 families with 9,657 nights of accommodations, saving families \$2.9 million in costly, out-of-pocket savings. We are thankful to offer families a welcoming place to stay, comforting meals, laundry facilities, parking, and so much more. All of this is made possible because of generous donors like you.

With your support, we can help more families like the Delauriers stay close to the essential medical care their child needs and close with each other. Please help us give families the gift of togetherness this holiday season.



Turn over to help families in need today!



*"TO ALL THE SUPPORTERS OF RMHC MANITOBA, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SINCERE GRATITUDE FROM MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THIS FABULOUS HOME."
- STACEY DELAURIER*

We anticipate more surgeries in the near future, including a jaw surgery and another major procedure. Additionally, there will be smaller surgeries to correct his nose or lip as needed, depending on the growth of his face.

Despite the challenges he's faced in his seven years of life, Rhett is a lively, sports-loving boy who enjoys school and relishes moments with friends. Nothing seems to slow him down. His constant smile, especially after surgery, where all he craves is a popsicle, fills our hearts with joy, making this entire journey worthwhile.

Throughout our extraordinary journey, RMHC Manitoba has been an invaluable source of support, both emotionally and financially. They've allowed us, to keep our family close during Rhett's critical moments, sparing us the heartache of separation.

Additionally, RMHC Manitoba has alleviated the financial burden of accommodations, meals, travel expenses, and parking during our frequent visits.

Spending time away from home is never what you wish for over the holiday season, but Ronald McDonald House always goes the extra mile. Whether it be a home-cooked meal, activities, memorable experiences, or a gift for your child, RMHC Manitoba is a special home for families.

Ronald McDonald House has consistently provided us with a feeling of "home" and a deep sense of security. We will forever be grateful.

Please send your gift this holiday season to help RMHC Manitoba reach its \$100,000 holiday fundraising goal. Together with your support, Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room will always be there for families like us who need support.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

Stacey Delaurier

P.S. Enclosed in the envelope is a special holiday card from Rhett and our family to wish you **Happy Holidays!**



RHETT WAS EXCITED AND THANKFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ADAM LOWRY FROM THE WINNIPEG JETS ON MCHAPPY DAY THIS YEAR.

Please donate online at RMHCManitoba.org or detach this form and return it along with your donation in the enclosed envelope.



To be eligible to receive a 2023 charitable tax receipt, all donations must be dated and postmarked no later than December 31, 2023.

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An official tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

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