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Connecting Supporters and Families of Ronald McDonald House® Manitoba



Dear Friend

The holiday season is a time to be thankful and no one understands this better than the Nault family. On Thanksgiving, just one year ago, Danika Nault was in a horrible accident and was rushed to the hospital, clinging to life. During this difficult time, her family and friends needed support, and Ronald McDonald House® Manitoba was there for them, our program available to them through the care and generosity of our donors like you.

We know that kids heal better and faster when they have their families close by, and there are no better examples of this than the families who walk through our doors every day. As you read Danika's story below I hope you will understand the strong need for family during a time of crisis. Please share this story with those you love this holiday season and keep Ronald McDonald House Manitoba in your hearts.

Allison Kesler, CFRE
Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Manitoba

Danika's Story

For Danika's parents, Alain and Barbie, gathering everyone around the table for dinner has always been an important family tradition. After their daughter's terrible accident, however, this simple family activity took on new meaning.

No parent wants to face the horror of finding out their child has been severely injured, and when 12-year-old Danika was rushed to Winnipeg after a serious car accident, Alain and Barbie were right behind her.

The hour-long drive to the hospital seemed to take forever. When they arrived, both Alain and Barbie insisted on staying at Danika's bedside - but her injuries were too severe to allow visitors to stay in her room. That's when a nurse referred them to the Ronald McDonald Family Room®, a warm and inviting space with a kitchen, living room, shower and laundry facilities, and three sleeping rooms for overnight stays, located just steps away from intensive care.

Because of generous donors like you, Ronald McDonald House Manitoba was able to begin offering this program in May 2010. For the Nault family it became a haven of strength and support as extended family came to offer love and prayers.

"It really was our home within the hospital – a place to get away, to cry, to share, and most importantly to be together as a family unit," says Alain.

For a total of 60 days, Alain and Barbie had a space to share meals with family, just as they did at home. Because of the Ronald McDonald Family Room, they never felt alone. As Danika began to heal, she was able to leave her hospital room and join her family for dinner.

On one particular day, Danika's ringette teammates were able to visit her in the hospital.

The Family Room made it possible for everyone to be together and witness Danika taking her first steps out of her wheelchair. It was a moment marked by tears and smiles and cheers of support – a moment that none of them will ever forget.

This holiday season, Danika will be at home with her family sharing a meal around the dinner table. For families who won't have that opportunity, Ronald McDonald House will be their home-away-from-home. And that's where you come in. With a donation to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba you will provide our families with the comforts of home - things we take for granted like homemade baking and warm blankets.

Families in your community have spent time together at our House and we want to continue to be there for them. Thank you for your ongoing support. You have helped keep our doors open for families who need us most.



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rom Danika

Will you consider becoming part of the Ronald McDonald House family by donating to support programs like the Ronald McDonald Family Room? I know my recovery would have been very different without the love and care of my family close by.

Happy Holidays!

Love, Danika ♡

Please donate to help keep families together.



Help us keep families together.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Email: _____

Donation:

\$25 \$35 \$50 \$75 Other _____

Payment Details:

Visa MasterCard Cheque
(made payable to Ronald McDonald House* Manitoba)
Card # _____
Name on card: _____
Expiry date: _____

- Please send me information on volunteer opportunities.
- I have left a donation to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba in my will.
- I would like to speak to someone about leaving a donation to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba in my will.

Ronald McDonald House Manitoba respects your privacy. We do not sell, trade or release our mailing list or any part of the information we collect to any other party or agency.

Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.
Charitable Organization Number: 104125323RR0001

Website: rmhmanitoba.org
Email: info@rmhmanitoba.org
Phone: 204-774-4777

Barrel Race For Families



Ronald McDonald House Manitoba was proud to be the chosen charity for the Northern Lights Futurity "Barrel Race For A Cause" on August 31, 2012.

This annual event is held in Brandon and features fun for cowboys and girls of all ages. In total the group raised \$10,000 to keep families together through pledges and fundraising initiatives like a silent auction and prize draws.

A group of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly each year to produce the event that attracts riders from Manitoba, across Canada and from the United States.

We had so much fun at this event and are looking forward to being part of it again next year. Yeehaw!

All Kinds of Fall Fun at Ronald McDonald House!

Gone Scroppin' In Bloom

In October one of our RMH moms decided to host a fundraising event at her business in Rosburn, MB.

Gone Scroppin' In Bloom held a variety of events in support of the House including a hamper drive, hot dog sale, and "crop for love" for scrapbooking enthusiasts.

Thank you, Kelly and your team for keeping RMH in your hearts!



Volunteer Appreciation

We could not do what we do without the support of our dedicated volunteers. In November we held a recognition evening at The Golf Dome where volunteers were thanked for their service and could enjoy an evening of friendship with other volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who came out so we could show you how special you are!

Breakfast Television

On November 14 our friends at Citytv featured us on Breakfast Television. We had the incredible opportunity to show viewers what we do at the House and Family Room and the integral part we play in the community.

On top of all that we had a blast hanging out with the BT team and enjoyed learning a little more about live television!



2012 Stats

We served almost **500 families** at the House.

We accommodated families for **3,140 nights!**

We saw over **26,000 guests** through the doors of our Family Room at Children's Hospital.

Our sleeping room occupancy at the Family Room was **88%**

Save The Dates!

Hope Couture
FASHION GALA

April 18, 2013
Delta Winnipeg

Early bird tickets on sale now until January 1.

\$125 each (\$25 tax receipt) - only 500 tickets available this year! VIP Packages on sale for tables of 10.

For more information or to purchase:
204.774.4777 or www.rmhmanitoba.org

24th Annual
Tournament of Champions

September 5, 2013
Breezy Bend Country Club

Sponsorships available now!

Registration available in early 2013. This event sells out every year so register early to avoid disappointment.

For more information:
204.783.9523 or www.rmhmanitoba.org



Thank you for your support!

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Wish List

If you would like to put together a donation for the holidays we encourage you to use the list below. Thank you for your generosity!

- Tickets to events
- Paper (white, 8.5" x 11")
- Cookie/muffin scoops
- Canned goods
- Kraft Dinner
- Frozen dinners
- Sugar (white/brown)
- Eggs
- Chocolate chips
- Crackers
- Cooking oil
- Baking soda
- Baking powder
- Cereal
- Cooking spray
- Raisins
- Coconut
- Flour
- Baking margarine
- Store-bought cookies
- Frozen fruit
- Potatoes
- Frozen vegetables
- Single serving snacks
- Ziploc bags
- Bedding plants
- Nintendo Wii games
- Xbox 360 games
- PS2 & PS3 games
- Dolls
- Family DVDs
- Fabric softener
- Stain remover
- Hand cream
- Disinfectant wipes
- Lysol spray
- Lavender pine sol
- Garbage bags (small white, large green)
- Batteries
- Dish towels
- Grocery gift cards
- Toys 'R Us gift cards
- Restaurant gift cards
- Walmart gift cards
- Gas cards

