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WINTER 2019

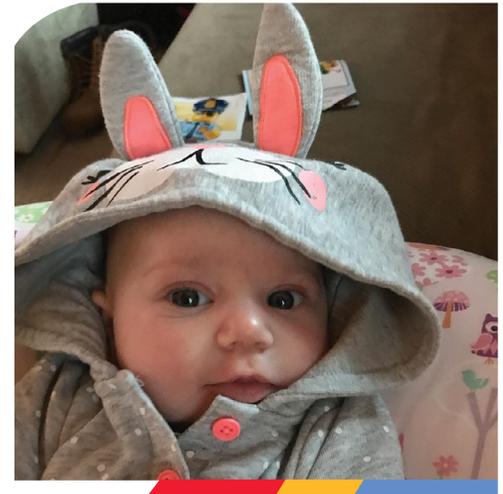
"The Ronald McDonald House was a much needed sign of hope, taking a huge burden off of our minds. We are so grateful and will be spreading the word about what a wonderful charitable organization you run. Thank you for everything."

~ Quote from a Family

"We love staying here! So comfortable and relaxing before our child's early morning appointments at the hospital. Thank you!" ~ Quote from a Family

A letter from Jennifer Schwinn

My family discovered Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA in our darkest hour. March 9th, 2018, our four month old daughter was flown to Penn State Children's Hospital after suffering cardiac arrest and being resuscitated by paramedics. Our beautiful, sweet baby, Jaycee had a heartbeat, but no brain activity. She was going to need to stay and be evaluated further. We were heartbroken with absolutely no idea what to do or where to go.



Baby Jaycee Schwinn

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We are asking the community to consider a monthly donation of at least \$35 during our 35th year of keeping families together!

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A PICU nurse handed us a handwritten phone number on a slip of paper and said "Call them. They will help you." and so we did. Over the next 10 days, the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey (RMH) helped us by providing us with basic needs such as a place to stay, hot meals, a warm shower and access to transportation to and from the hospital.

We had to make the gut-wrenching decision to remove Jaycee from life support, but not before our friends and family who loved her had the opportunity to say goodbye. She was loved by so many that the waiting room on the 4th floor wasn't big enough to accommodate everyone. Thankfully, RMH opened their doors and became a meeting place for our family and friends so that everyone had an opportunity to say their goodbyes to Jaycee. That kindness, generosity and understanding that our friends and family were shown by the staff and volunteers at the RMH will never be forgotten.

After our sweet girl took her last breath, and we said goodbye to her for the last time, we returned to the RMH to turn in our keys and retrieve our belongings. We were once again comforted by a staff member, who awoke at 2:00am.

The kindness, generosity and understanding that we were shown by the staff and volunteers at the RMH will never be forgotten. We know we couldn't possibly ever repay them for all that they did for us and all of our friends and family, but we also know that we will never stop trying.

Sincerely, Jennifer Schwinn



New Faces

Heidi Murray

Ronald McDonald Family Room Manager

Heidi Murray has joined our staff as the Family Room Manager and is enjoying getting to know all of our wonderful Family Room Volunteers and families.

Heidi comes to us after working almost 20 years at Frey Village Retirement Center in Middletown. She loves going on long walks with her dog Benny, spending time with her niece Lauren and vacationing at Cape May.



Rachel Clippinger

Marketing & Communications Manager

Rachel joined our team as the new Marketing & Communications Manager and already feels at home here. She is happy to be back home in the Lancaster/Hershey area after spending a few years living in Philadelphia.

Rachel shares a deep connection with the organization as her family was a recipient of care when she donated bone-marrow to her sister, Becca, who was fighting leukemia. She is now thrilled to be working for an organization that means so much to her and her family.



Iona Hoff

Housekeeper

Iona Hoff has joined our staff as a Housekeeper! Iona is a "people person" and has loved getting to know our volunteers and staff!

She has had a long career as a housekeeper and says it's her true gift and talent. Iona is thrilled to be part of the team.





Janice Snyder and her daughter Keira

At the end of this 2018, we said a fond farewell to our 2017-2018 Board President, Janice Snyder, CPA. Janice is a Partner at McKonly & Asbury, LLP with nearly 20 years of experience in public accounting. She leads the Firm's audit segment and specializes in service to non-profit organizations, healthcare and human services entities, and family owned businesses. Her skillset served as a true asset to RMHC-CP.

In her eight years on RMHC of Central PA's Board of Directors, Janice held various leadership roles including Treasurer, Vice President and President. Under her exceptional leadership the organization has seen growth and great financial stability.

Highlighted below are just a few of Janice's contributions:

- ✓ **Oversite of Strategic Planning**
- ✓ **Staff Leadership Transitions**
- ✓ **Strived for greater alignment with RMHC Global standards**
- ✓ **Advocated for programmatic changes that position RMHC-CP for future growth**

We are so grateful for all that Janice has done and continues to do for RMHC-CP. She leaves very large red shoes to fill after many years of great leadership. Thank you Janice for being a great friend and champion of RMHC of Central PA and the families that we serve.

New Faces continued...

Leeann Evans

Relief Manager



Leeann Evans has joined our staff as a Relief Manager. She is looking forward to meeting and working with everyone at the RMHC-CP and helping to make a difference for families in their time of need.

Leeann has worked for a title company, recording deeds and mortgages, for the past eight years. She enjoys traveling as time allows and especially likes to visit Wildwood, NJ and Lakeland, Florida.

Teresa Miller

Relief Manager



Teresa Miller has joined our team as a Relief Manager. She is excited to help fulfill our mission of keeping families together.

Teresa comes to us after working as an Activities Assistant at Frey Village Retirement Center. The lights of her life are her daughter, Elizabeth and her cat, Annie. She enjoys reading, shopping and going to the beach.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

We appreciate the community's support of our recycling programs!

We have had some recent changes with this program. Please check our website at www.rmhc-centralpa.org and select "Get Involved" for the most up-to-date information.





Our number #1 need continues to be cash donations. With enough community support, we will be able to continue to keep families together and near the care and resources they need. As we begin the new year, we are asking our supporters to consider supporting RMHC of Central PA through one of the following:

- Cash Donations
- Gift Card Collection
- Organizing a 3rd Party Fundraiser

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Red Shoe Crew

Are you a young professional looking for opportunities to volunteer and network?

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Contact Rachel Clippinger at rclippinger@rmhc-centralpa.org or 717-533-4001 x155 for more information.

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Thursday, April 25, 2019
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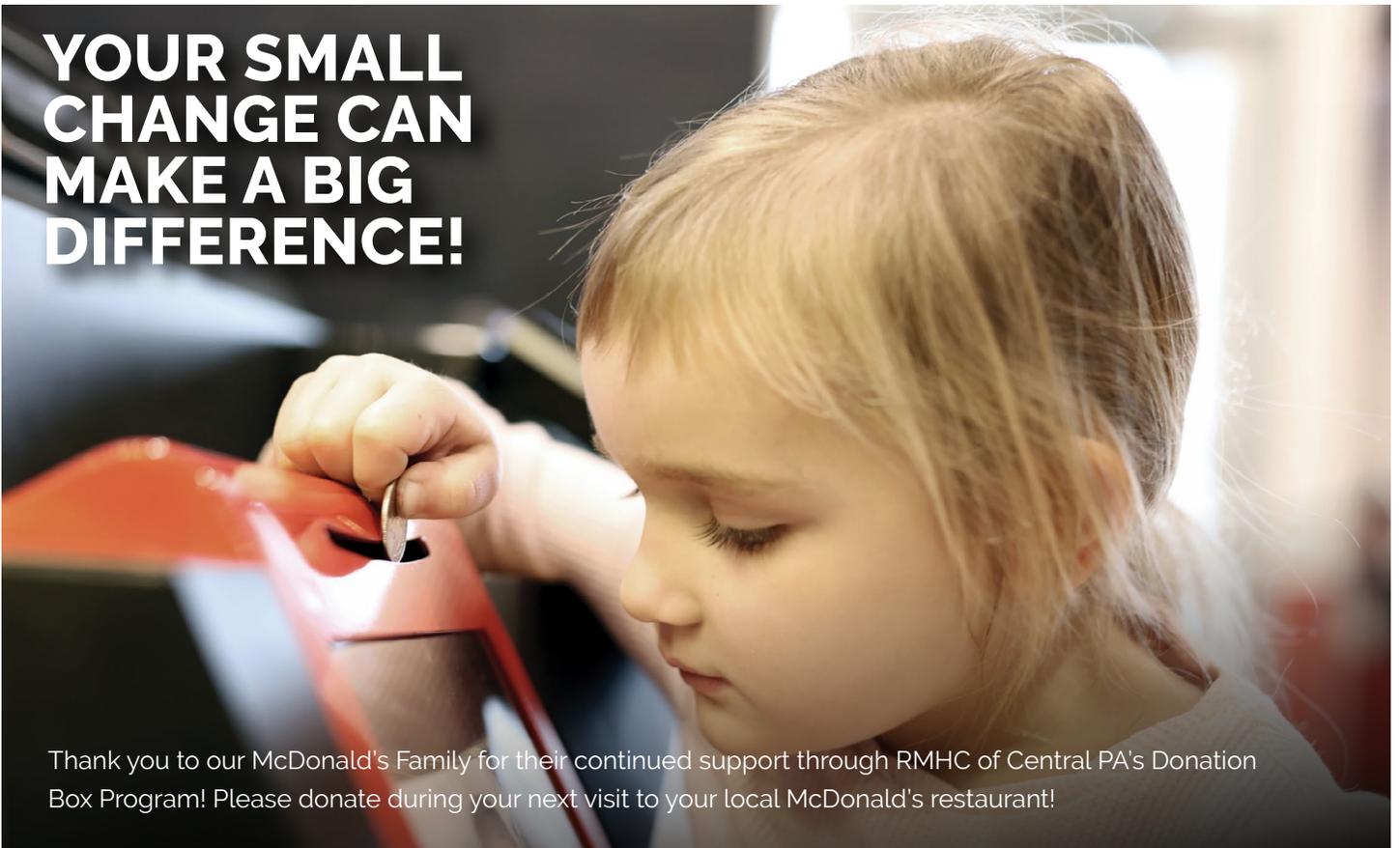


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