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Mr. Don Michell
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Dear Mr. Michell:

On behalf of the families staying at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, I want to thank you for adopting a room at our Front & Erie House in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Your gift will truly make a difference for all of the families who will call your adopted room their home over the course of the next year. As you know, by sponsoring a room you are doing more than simply helping to provide families with a comfortable place to sleep each night. You are ensuring that they have access to all of the many services our Houses offer, including home-cooked meals, van transportation, social worker assistance, and so much more. You're also helping families reduce their stress levels, focus on their own health and well-being, and have the peer support of other families in the House. We couldn't create this supportive community of comfort and hope without your dedication to our work and we are truly grateful for your generosity.

I invite you to take a look at the enclosed insert featuring the Miller family, who spent four months at the House while their newborn son, Finn, faced medical challenges from birth. During a time of uncertainty, the House brought the Miller family comfort and hope. Throughout 2016, you will help so many more families like the Millers have a place to call home, and we look forward to sharing with you notes from the families you have supported by adopting a room, all throughout the year.

We will also be hosting a donor reception in early 2016, where you will have the opportunity to view your name when we unveil our Adopt a Room sponsorship wall and to see your beautiful plaque outside of your adopted room. You will receive an invitation with more information soon.

Thank you again for your support of all of the families we serve. By adopting a room you have made it so much easier for families with seriously ill children to have a place to call home for as long as they need, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing dedication to our mission.

With sincere gratitude,

Chris Callanan
Director of Events & Corporate Development

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is obligated by current tax laws to confirm that no goods or services were received for this donation.

Your generous support helps families like the Millers...

"When I was 12 weeks pregnant with our second son, we received devastating news—our unborn baby had a severe condition in which his intestines were growing outside of his body. We were immediately referred to a specialist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where it was also discovered that he had a heart defect. It was then that we planned to deliver our unborn son, Finn, in CHOP's Special Delivery Unit.

After learning more about his condition, we also understood that the probability of our son having Beckwith-Weidemann syndrome, which poses a risk of developing cancer, was high. Finn came 6 weeks early and remained in the NICU for 4 full months. During that time he had heart surgery at just one day old, and following, many other serious issues arose. When he was just 2 months old, he was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma—a form of liver cancer—which required another surgery and 2 rounds of chemotherapy. After all of that, we were finally able to bring Finn home for the first time when he was 4 months old.

Our medical journey was nothing short of unpredictable, but thankfully, one aspect of our journey was unwavering; The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald house is where I stayed the entire time Finn was in the hospital.

While I stayed close to my son, my husband had to work, and commuted back and forth on the weekends. Our older son Travis was 1^{1/2}, and always looked forward to coming to the House. He loved the playrooms, therapy dogs, and all the children he met there. For me, having somewhere to stay where I could be close to my son was amazing. Even if I needed to rush over in the middle of the night, I could be there within 10 minutes. I never had to worry about meals or grocery shopping. The House took such a burden off of my family and truly was a blessing to us. I don't know what I would have done without it. I was able to dedicate all my time to Finn and that is what was most important. Everyone is so kind and friendly and really made me feel at home. The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is an amazing place that we will never forget."

- Megan Miller, Coopersburg, PA

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