The Power of Love: Mickala’s Story

When 17-year-old Mickala Morinville and her mom, Judy, walked into the Ronald McDonald House in July, they were greeted with huge smiles and open arms. While walking into the House sounds relatively simple, it is nothing short of a miracle for Mickala. In fact, Mickala Morinville has become known as “Mickala the Miracle,” a most appropriate nickname for Mickala, whose story is one of faith and the healing power of love.

Mickala’s Story

In September 2012, Mickala, a cheerful, full-of-life, high school junior, told her mom she felt weak and light headed, and was having trouble breathing. Doctors suggested rest from a busy volleyball schedule, but after a few days, her breathing got much worse. She was taken to a hospital in Thief River Falls, MN, then to the intensive care unit at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo. Seven days later, Mickala was airlifted to Mayo Clinic. This was the beginning of a seven-month fight for survival—a fight that her family and friends would bravely and tirelessly wage beside her.

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Mickala’s mom, Judy, documented her daughter’s courageous journey in a CaringBridge journal. In it, Judy explained that a virus of unknown origin had taken over Mickala’s lungs, turning them into wet sponges. Mickala’s diagnosis—acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)—was caused by severe viral pneumonia. A doctor compared the virus devastating her lungs to a tornado. “The damage has been done,” he explained. “Now it’s time to clean up the mess.”

At Mayo Clinic, a machine would support Mickala’s life for the next 116 days, oxygenating her blood and working as her lungs. There would be several ups and downs through Mickala’s ordeal. On day 9, Judy wrote in the CaringBridge Journal, “Today has been a stressful day. Mickala’s right chest tube fell out late yesterday.” Judy explained how fluid needed to be drained from Mickala’s lungs, and that a surgeon was called to place a new chest tube. One of many uncertain and fearful moments.

For the next six months, Judy Morinville stayed by her daughter’s side, squeezing her hand and reassuring her. “Each time she wakes up we have to tell her where she is, that her lungs are ill, the doctors and nurses are taking good care of her and we are always at her side,” she wrote. Mickala’s father, Scott, spent as much time as he could at the hospital, but work demanded that he share his time between the family farm, and driving truck in

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EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

To Listen, to Heed:

listen Verb
to make an effort to hear something; to give one’s attention to

heed Verb
to pay close attention to; to listen and consider

For several years the need for our mission at the Ronald McDonald House has far exceeded our capacity. In response to this growing need, the board of trustees has been deliberate and purposeful in their exploration of solutions to the challenge. We’ve been asking questions of our families, our donors and our volunteers to guide us as we look for answers.

We’re asking questions like:

• With the need for Ronald McDonald House increasing exponentially, what is the best way for us to grow? And how do we define “best”?
• Is it the programs that help support families with ill children? If so, where do these programs take place?
• Is it the House? The biggest House, the quietest, the most affordable, the most convenient?
• How will advances and changes in healthcare impact ill children and their families?

We’ve been listening carefully and we have learned so much from you. While the questions may be short and sweet, the answers are intricate and complex. As for solutions, please be assured, we are up to the task.

We will take heed. We know that the collective strength, insight and values of Ronald McDonald House volunteers, donors, staff and board will consider, analyze and fine tune mission advancement. Together we will determine not only what our families need, but how they can rely on us for years to come.

As always, we are guided by our primary value...the needs of our families come first. It is an honor to serve the children and families who call us their “home away from home” and it’s an honor to partner with you to accomplish this mission. ♥

Peggy Elliott has served as our Manager of Operations and IT for the past two years and now serves in a new role as Associate Director. Peggy will manage administrative functions, serve a leadership role in strategic direction, partner with the staff team and provide support to the Executive Director, Linda Bonow.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota, provides a “home away from home” ... and gives caring support to families seeking medical care for their children.
“Mickala the Miracle”

The western North Dakota oil fields. Mickala’s brothers Steven, 22, and Thomas, 21, visited when they could from Grand Forks, North Dakota, where they are both students.

Because tubes inserted in her throat prevented Mickala from speaking, Judy soon learned to read Mickala’s lips. “Through the entire experience, she never lost her loving spirit and gracious manners, often mouthing ‘thank you’ to the medical staff caring for her,” Judy says.

Four days after arriving in Rochester, a room opened up for Judy and Scott at the Ronald McDonald House. “We were grateful to have the House,” Judy says. “Our first room was right off the kitchens, and in the beginning, I didn’t think I’d like to be so close to the center of activity. It turned out to be very good for me. I could listen to others’ stories.”

Judy met many people who were facing similar challenges with their children. Judy explained Mickala asked to see our room, so she could get a better sense of where we were,” Judy says. “When we got to the room, she went straight to the bed and lay down. She loved the comfortable beds after all those months in the hospital!”

Judy says what they appreciated most about the House were the simple reminders of home. “Scott and I loved coming back late and night and having fresh-baked cookies and ice-cold milk,” she says. “On several mornings, Scott would get up early, start a load of laundry and bring popsicles from the House to Mickala in the hospital. I would follow later after changing over the laundry. This gave Mickala and her Dad some special time together.”

“Mickala was also able to come for one of the House Dinners that the community groups serve. On this night, they had tacos,” Judy says, smiling. “My favorite were the Bar-B-ques… they were to die for!”

The dinners also nourished the soul. “They gave us a chance for fellowship,” Judy says. “People would just listen and they were so caring and supportive. It meant a lot to talk to people outside of the hospital and tell them about who Mickala is, beyond ‘Mickala the patient.’”

Many special friendships were made in the seven months Mickala was in Rochester. One special friend, a six-year-old boy, was not only Mickala’s neighbor at the hospital, but the family soon discovered that his parents were also their neighbors back at the Ronald McDonald House! “[The kids] were both comforted to know their parents were together back at the House,” Judy said. “That was a nice feeling.”

In April 2013, after 206 days in the hospital, Mickala returned home to Brooks, to a community parade in her honor. People in yellow “Hugs for Mickala” shirts lined the streets. A month later, Mickala experienced another miracle: Her brothers, Steven and Thomas, escorted her through her prom’s grand march. Two care providers from Mayo Clinic also came to support her.

Through each situation, and at every step of the journey, Mickala was supported by her loving family and friends, and countless other people who learned about Mickala from her mom’s journal, many whom she’s never met. Friends and neighbors are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. On a recent follow-up visit to the House, Mickala and her mom brought three large coffee cans full of poptabs with them.

“Everyone is saving tabs now!” Judy says. “They are doing it in honor of Mickala. Until you go through an experience like this, a person doesn’t realize how many kind, caring and generous people there are in this world.”

Back on day 177 of Mickala’s journey, Judy shared this heartwarming description of her daughter in her CaringBridge journal: “There are no words to describe what she has endured the last six months. All I can say is she is the strongest, most determined person I know. She is and will always be my hero.”
Seven days a week, 365 days a year, volunteers make our House a HOME. Their selfless gifts of time and talents make our mission possible. Last year, over 300 volunteers gave 13,873 hours of service to support the children and families who call us their “home away from home”. We asked three devoted volunteers to share their story of giving for this publication. If you have a story you’d like to share about your volunteer experience with the Ronald McDonald House, we would love to hear it! Please contact Sue Weber, volunteer coordinator at sweber@rmhmn.org.

Adam Stallman has been a volunteer since March, 2005. He has served as a HouseWarmer, Volunteer Committee member and HouseWarmer Trainer.

Adam volunteers every other Sunday evening and has shared more than 500 hours of volunteer service.

“I was introduced to the positive impacts of volunteering at an early age. My parents were active volunteers and my experience in the Boy Scouts allowed me to participate in a wide variety of volunteering experiences. When I moved to Rochester, I knew I wanted to continue to stay active in volunteering. I was aware of the Ronald McDonald House through a family in my hometown who had stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis. I had heard how appreciative they were of everything the House was able to provide for them and I wanted to be a part of providing a similar experience for other families. With the variety of medical services available in Rochester, I knew volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House would give me many opportunities to help families like the one I knew from my hometown.

The primary reason why I continue to volunteer is because I can continuously see and hear how much the Ronald McDonald House means to the families staying in the House. Families frequently express their thanks to me and other volunteers and often express their joy and relief when a room is available for them in the House. From these reactions, I can see how important the House can be to families visiting Rochester.

I also enjoy the interactions with the families during my shifts as a HouseWarmer. These interactions make every shift unique and you never know what you will be able to do that shift to help make a family’s stay easier. Finally, I enjoy working with my fellow volunteers and Staff at the House. It is inspiring to spend time with others who share my passion for volunteering and the Ronald McDonald House.

My most memorable moments at the House have started as seemingly ordinary events which have turned into meaningful interactions with families. Once, I visited with a mother from Texas. We discovered that we both had careers in the technology field. This led to an hour long discussion on our common interest. At the end of our visit, the mother expressed how much this simple conversation had meant to her. She said every one of her conversations over the last week had been about the health of her child and that our conversation had given her a much needed reprieve from this constant stress of the situation.”
Paulette Steinberg has been a volunteer since September, 1996. She has served as a HouseWarmer, Speaker Bureau Volunteer and HouseWarmer Trainer. Paulette has shared more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service.

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We all have choices when it comes to deciding what to do with our time. I have chosen to volunteer because it is a gift I give myself. That gift is the great feeling of satisfaction that comes over me when a family shows their deep appreciation for what my time has given them.

Training new volunteers is always a highlight to my regular shift. I’m always amazed at the various reasons a person has decided to volunteer at the RMH. And I’m especially impressed with the number of high school students, with their busy schedules, who have chosen to volunteer. As a HouseWarmer Trainer, I have the opportunity to provide input as to how our new volunteers are trained. Plus, I can learn from other trainers what works best.

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Denny Kruse has been a Special Project Volunteer since November, 2009. He is at the House almost every Tuesday morning. Denny has shared more than 300 hours of volunteer service.

“I was looking for an opportunity to help and be useful after retirement. My friend Dick Dale told me about the Ronald McDonald House. While I worked in the medical field at Mayo for 41 years, I enjoy sharing other talents and interests with the House.

I like painting because it is satisfying to see the progress and the work completed. I enjoy painting all areas of the House but it’s very special to update the guest rooms for families. I always want to come back and help more. I’ve been married for 47 years and we have four children and nine grandchildren. It’s special to help other families who need support.

One time, I was painting a hallway and a Dad came up to me. He said he was a professional painter back home. We had a nice visit and when I came back the following week, he did point out a spot that I had missed the week before!”
Over the past year, an enormous volunteer effort has allowed us to “spruce up” and refresh the Ronald McDonald House. Scheduled facility updates like replacing tired flooring and repainting were greatly enhanced by partnerships with local interior and landscape experts and a number of local artists. We are extremely grateful to the many volunteers and organizations who contributed to the success of this project; especially the following individuals who provided significant leadership.

**Andrea Costopoulos, Art Consultant:**
Andrea was instrumental in helping us secure a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC). Andrea leveraged her extensive network of local artists to help the House begin building a kid-friendly, kid-focused and/or kid created art collection. Much of the new art is the work of regional artists. Andrea also helped us with our “Heart Gallery”, which features artwork created by the children who stay at the House. Andrea is one of our frequent “Visiting Artists”, sharing her art expertise with children staying at the House.

**Beth Solie, Landscape Design Consultant:**
Beth mobilized a talented team of landscape volunteers and carpenters who completely revamped the backyard patio area. Beth and her team turned a weed-filled space into a welcoming and beautiful outdoor home space that is now enjoyed by many of the guest families.

**Susan Volden, Interior Design Consultant:**
Susan worked with our House Committee to select décor that warmed the living spaces around the House and enhanced the beauty of the existing spaces. Small touches like red vinyl hearts on each guest room door, updated tile on the fireplace and new “fun” red chairs are all the result of Susan’s talents and desire to make our House as inviting and comfortable as possible.

Families love the updates and refreshed spaces throughout the House. This labor of love is just another fabulous example of the generous giving spirit of our community. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible.
Paw Pals: Pet Therapy Program
The certified therapy dogs that come to visit the Ronald McDonald House are very popular with the children and their families. Time spent with therapy dogs can give children the opportunity to relieve their anxiety and simply give them a reason to smile. Oftentimes children and their families make connections with the dogs when they visit.

Our new program, Paw Pals, allows children to interact with the dogs both at the House and while away, as well as maintain a connection to the dogs. How you ask? Children are provided with a photo of the dog and are encouraged to communicate with the dogs via PawPals@rmhmn.org. The dog(s) will offer a listening ear and an encouraging reply!

Now children can take their Paw Pals on all their adventures! Whether that is appointments, procedures, their homes or vacations, children are encouraged to share photos of themselves with their flat dog companions.

We believe the Paw Pals program will increase the reach and comfort children and families find from this popular program by providing additional opportunities to interact with the dogs outside the scheduled pet visits.
IN ACTION...

“Heart” Gallery
Now when families and visitors walk down our hallway to the community room, they are greeted by a warm, colorful and best of all playful display of art. These pieces are one-of-a-kind originals, created by our very own guest children. They are inspirational and uplifting and they capture the spirit of the young artists who created them. Some even offer words of hope and encouragement. We invite you to take extra time on your next visit to the Ronald McDonald House to enjoy our “Heart” Gallery.

Meet Chantel Yearling!
Chantel is our Family Activities Coordinator. She has a degree from the University of WI-La Crosse with a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation. Chantel makes sure there is always something fun for kids to do around the House. Over the past few months Chantel has enjoyed coordinating crafts, activities, and outings for the children and families. She is from St. James, MN.

“Heartists Helping Children” – Visiting Artists Program
This exciting program launched in early 2013. It is designed to provide an evening art activity for the children staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, MN. Local professional artists will come to the Ronald McDonald House to provide positive and enriching experiences by engaging families in a diverse variety of meaningful fine art and craft programs.

These programs are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.
2013 Special Event Highlights

Thank you community! Because you care, three signature events raise awareness of our mission and much needed funds to support it.

HEARTS & DIAMONDS SPECTACULAR CELEBRATES 10 YEARS
The Hearts & Diamonds Spectacular celebrated 10 years of diamonds, dinner and dancing on Saturday, February 2nd at Somerby Golf Club. A total of $80,000 was raised at this magnificent evening! Former House guest Kaitlin Parsons, 17, attended with her parents, Steve & Susan, and shared her inspiring and heartwarming story. Following dinner, and the diamond raffle, 270 guests danced to the music of Synergy. “The event is incredibly beautiful, meaningful and we look forward to next year” said Carol Burnham, long-time Ronald McDonald House volunteer. Major sponsors included Sterling State Bank, Hight & Randall Personal Jewelers, Somerby Golf Club, McNeilus Companies and Courtesy Corporation/McDonald’s.

SWING YOUR BIRDIE GOLF CLASSIC
The 35th annual Swing Your Birdie Golf Classic was held at Willow Creek Golf Course on Friday, July 26th. In this milestone year, the event remembered two Emeritus Trustees, Kak Johnson (also one of the Birdie’s founders), and Phil Henoch. “The “Birdie” held a very special place in their hearts and we honor their countless contributions throughout the years” says Linda Bonow, Executive Director. A very special thank you to the golfers, volunteers, and sponsors. This year’s sold-out event raised more than $41,000! 2013 major sponsors include Wells Fargo, Coca-Cola, McNeilus Companies, Alvin E. Benike General Contractor, and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.

THE “CRUISE” MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RIDE
The 13th annual The “Cruise” Motorcycle Benefit Ride was held Sunday, July 28th. This year, 1,170 riders toured 140 miles around southeastern Minnesota, including stops in St. Charles, Winona, Rushford and Preston. A live and silent auction was held at Rochester Community and Technical College. The event concluded with the ceremonial parade to the Ronald McDonald House to present the $130,183.50 donation to the children and their families. This year’s major sponsors are Anonymous, Bakers Square, Charter, City Looks Salon & Spa, Hybrid Mechanical, Rochester Harley-Davidson, Sam’s Club, Sterling State Bank, and Treasure Island Resort & Casino. The “Cruise” attracts riders from all over the country and is the single largest fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House.

Calendar of Events

- CAN FOR KIDS: Saturday, October 5, 2013
- HEARTS & DIAMONDS: Saturday, February 1, 2014
- CAN FOR KIDS: Saturday, February 8, 2014
- SWING YOUR BIRDIE GOLF CLASSIC: Friday, July 25, 2014

For more information about these and other events, visit www.rmhmn.org or call 507-282-3955.
Kids Helping Kids

→ Breakfast Bags
Breakfast bags brighten our families’ days and provide a great “grab and go” option for families with early medical appointments. Thanks to youth groups like the Messiah Lutheran Church in Roseau, MN for decorating, donating and stuffing breakfast bags! We love to see kids helping kids!

↑ Blankets
Is there anything better than snuggling up with a cozy blanket when you’re not feeling well? We don’t think so either. Thanks to all those at First Lutheran Church in Northwood, IA for making these blankets that are sure to make kids at the House smile!

← Pop Tabs
Thank you to Kylie and her grandma for coming to the Cans for Kids collection and bringing her wonderful donation of 1,000 pop tabs. Pop tabs help us help kids!

Wish List

• Laundry detergent (liquid)
• All purpose cleaner (spray)
• Snack-size fruit cups
• Individually wrapped snack items
• Dishwasher detergent (liquid)
• Antibacterial disinfectant wipes
• Toilet bowl cleaner
• Toilet paper
• Paper towels
• Nonperishable food items
• Liquid hand soap

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The Ronald McDonald House receives memorial gifts honoring relatives and friends. The following persons were remembered from August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013.

In Remembrance

26 victims of Sandy Hook

Clifford “Cliff” Aaby
Arlene Abrahamson
Lois Addy
Ruth Ahrens
Kimberlee Aitken
Frances Alioto
Franklin Allen
Michael Q Allen
Donovan “Dode” Amundson
Lowell Amundson
Curt Anderson
Carla Anderson
Dorothy Mae Anderson
J C Anderson
Bob Arens
Jodi Archer Daniels
Joe Ankenbauer
Lorene Anderson
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Russell Carlson
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Agnes Christianson
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Mary Ann Clare
Gloria Clauss
Gary Clawson
Tom Clawson
Alice Colwell
Robert Conners
Margaret Corrigan
Kristin Leigh Cote
Tom Coulter
Taylor Covel
Richard Croaker
Linda Crapp
Margie Culhane
David Cummings
William Donald Cummings
Jeffrey Cushman
Frances Dachel
Roland Dachel
Dorothy Daley
Colin Dallman
Daniela
Adam Davis
Trisha Davis
Bailey Joseph Deane
Tim Debee
Michael DeBernardi
S Lynn DeBoer
Kayla Decker
Evelyn Deschler
Mary Deuser
Lorel Grace Dey
Patty Dick
Lorissa Dietterle
Travis Donze
Michael Doran
Jim & Sandra Dorn’s daughter
Nathan Dorsey
Neal Dossett
Paul Dougher
David Drake
Merle Dunn
Keith Duval
Donald Dvorak
Reverend David Eckman
Levi Edin
Marge Eide
Marie Eggers
Travis Eliott Horton
Elaine Engle
Jamie S Engle
Ray Elmer Erdman
Glady Erdman
Victor Erdmann
Glady Erickson
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Walter Erickson
Zelda Ericson
Jacqueline Evans
Mary Eversman
Lydia Everson
Robert Everson
Sophia Ewert
Constance Metiwah Faih
Donna Fabian
Truman “Doc” Fabian
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Sandy Faulls
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Rose Feoli
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Julie K Fisher
Jack Andrew Flatness
Barbara Fleming
Jerry Fogarty
Eva Foote
Howard Forst
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Neil Haugerud
Tom Haugerud
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Carol E Hefner
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Rick Heyer
Ed Hicken
Bryan C Hicks
Donald Hicks
Lonnie Hintzman
Mary Hiram
Opal Hocker
Scott Hodgman
Opal Hoecker
Hilda Hoffman
Joan Hoffman
Kevin Hoffman
Carter John Hogen
Jazlyn Horgens
Danny Host
Maurice Howe
Ethan Hungerford
Caitlyn Hunter
John C Ivins
Ryan Jackson
Howard Jacobmeyer
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Rev Clark Jaeger
George A Jambois
Nelda Jean Jamieson
Dr. Joseph M Janes
Dorothy Janvrin
Kenneth Jennings
Howard Jensen
Ruth Jensen
Doug Johnson
Eugene Johnson
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Howard Johnson
Kak Johnson
Kelli Ann Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Kent Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Lee Johnson
Lori Johnson
Michael L Johnson
Ron Johnson
Tim Johnson
Mrs. Marjorie Johnston
Helmer Jorgensen
Marissa Joyce
Laura Judd
Jim Jursik
Grandma K
Marcy Kalka
Jacob Kane
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Leona Kressin
Karen Krettschmann
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Kristen Lewison Young
Laurel Liedtke
Elina Lien
Steven Liggert
Ronald Linscheid
Jeremy Lipka
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Federico Llamas
Justin Loen
Leora Loftus
Deej Logan
Loved ones
LoAnn Luiken
John Lund
Ellen Luoma
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Katherine Lutjen
Julie Lyman
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Harold E Machart
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Mike Maclean
Elizabeth Majorus
Chuck Malin
Parents of George &
Mary Ellen Malkasian
Daniel Joseph Maly
Ava Lynn Manley
Rachel Mann
Dennis Manning
Evelyn Manthey
Lois Manthey
Edna M Marcellus
Maggie Marino
Jean Markham
Dave Marklevits
Bob Marks
Lawrence "Butch"
Marquette
Arline Marsh
Krista Martin
Mae Elizabeth Martin
Walda Marzolf
John Maslowski
Jordan Ashley May
Mary Jane McCabe
Rick McCabe
Doug McCall
John Patrick McCarthy
Philip McCarty
Dale McClamroch
Charlotte Deering
McCormick
Sean P McClough
Chester "Chet" McDonald
Merlin McDonald
Tyler David McFadden
Ryan McLeod
Sue McRoberts
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Harriet Mensink
Carl Morgen
Jerry Messmer
Bev Meyer
Mildred Micholski
Raymond Miller
Brooks Minkel
David Minnick
Florence L. Mitchell
Ted Mitchell
Florence Mlynar
Jerry Molloy
Ryan Moore
Bruce C Morcomb
Nicolle Morrissey
Gene Moskop
David Mrazek, MD
Diane Mruk
Carolyn Mueller
Casper Mueller
Cletus Mueller
Jorge Munoz
Kayla Murphy
Rhonda Muskat
Evelyn Musolf
Jim Nading
Leita Netiz
Beth Nelson
Brian A Nelson
Chad TG Nelson
Charlotte Nelson
Mabel Nelson
Rev Gerald Nerenhausen
Sarah Nessler
Deb Neuman
Robert Neville-Neil
Donald Nichols
Doris Niesson
Robert Nikle
Xavier Njerzmane
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Rufus Nogosek
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Clayton Norell
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Patrick H O'Brien
Colleen O'Connell
Robert O'Gorman
Greg O'Reilly
Dorcas Ode
John K & Margaret A Ogren
Buddy Olsen
Barbara Olson
Rod Olson
Steven Orvis
Marge Osicka's mother
Cory Oswalt
Ronald Outcalt
George Overlie
Agni Pantazi
Brian John Patrick
Flavia Peck
Edward Pelzer
Russell Penniston
Sandra Penz
Jan Perkovich
Daniel Pesch, MD
John Peterson
Lloyd E Peterson
Lyle & Mickie Peterson
Milo Peterson
Marko Peterson
Percy Peterson
Roger Peterson
Victor Peterson
Bonnine Jean Pettigell
Charles "Chuck" Phenix
Diana Place
Kurt Plessner
Opal Pody
James (Jim) Poncelet
Milton Poncelet
Gjerusalem Postier
Shane Postier
Sullivan Postier
Karl Potach
Marian Priess
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Shawn Rahman
Hazel Ramberg
Lowell Ranzenberger
Jack Redmond
Royce Reed
Travis W Reed

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Robert Reicks
Judith Reid
Reuben Reimers
Evelyn Renspe
Nicolas Reyna
Mary Richter
Beulah & Francis Riley
Jean Ringen
John Risius
Cory Rittenour
Cory Robertson
Florence R Robertson
Carl Robinson
Terry “Danny” Robtoy
Lewis J Roessler
Hubert Rohde
Deb Rooney
Milt Rosenblad
Maega Rosenfeld
Mireille “Mary” Rostad
Phillip Rothwell
Charles Rollowl
Harold Rubin
Chad Ruble
Richard Ruedy
Gene Reupke
Glenn Ruble
Joe Ryan
Obert Sacquitne
Virgil Saint John
Robert Salstrom
Sandy Sammelson
Elna Sanders
Jill Sandberg
Faye Sargent’s sister, Rita
Chris Satern
Kyle Satrom
Nan Sawyer
William Schafer Mullenbach
Sammy Schams
Charles Schara
Carol Schatz
Anna Schindler
Henry A Schleeter
Paul Schmacher
Brandon Schmidt
Gene Schmidt
John Schnitzler
Bill & Beatta Schott
Thomas “Tom” R Schott
John Schouweiler
Dorothy Schroeder
Gene Schroeder
Paul Schroeder
Buck Schultz
Jim Schultz
Jim & Gregory Schwartz
Marcella Schwartz
Julie Segebarth
Nancy Selby
Richard Selby, Sr
Richard Seltz
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Ralph Senjem
Michael David Severson
Isabelle Shaw
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Dustin Sheelely
Dennis Shulze
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Bob Siebert
Steve Siegle
George Simpson
Marguerite Sitar
Jon Sivy
Millie Slawson
Alfred & Catherine Smith
Allie Smith
Ally Smith
David & Myrtle Smith
Jillian Smith
Kenny Smith
Lucille Smith
Dorothy Smyth
Merlin Snell
Paul Sodt
Sam Soifer
Karen R Solberg
Norris Soll
Roger Sommers
Lucas Sonnek
Ken Sorensen
Karen Soulis
Walter Spaelti
Rick Spaniel
Cyril Speltz
Louise Speltz
Kathleen Spensley
Jason Stadstad
Jeanne Stark
Garrett Steiger
Glady's Steinhauser
Carole Stelter
Caroline Stenger
Delores Stephan
Jordan Stewart
Jordan Strabley
Kenneth Strom
Larry Stuart
Gene Swanson
Ruth Swanson
Kelly Swee
Gordon Sween
Mr & Mrs Lloyd Swenson
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Joyce Talen
Nicholas Tatarchuk
Mildred Taube
Joyce Thamert
Mildred Thatcher
Ben Thate
Aunt Thelma
Mary Thiebault
Hazel Thom
Rick Thomford
Markose Thomman
Ray Thompson
Otto Thoreson
Natalie Thornton-Webb
Richard William Tiede
Abby Timmerman
Evelyn Tischer
Ruth Tollefsrud
Abi Tomkins
Tori Tomkins
Kathy Torborg
Genevieve Torner
Jackson Tracey
Mayme Trankel
Richard “Dick” Trimble
Richard Truso
Tony Tschida, Sr
Elfrieda Turnmire
Jeanne L Ulve
Ruby Underdahl
David C Utz
Virginia Utz
Jeff Van Kirk
Jill Marie VanderZee
Ricky Wang
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Gene Vatsdal
Chris Veltel
Leonard Viehouser
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Kristi Villeneuve
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Dusty Volz
Frank Vondrashek
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Harold Wagener
Nora Wagener
Ned Waldman
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Ruth Webber
Mary Ann Weber
Ron Weber
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Jay Weichselbaum
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David Wilson
Lance Wilson
Wayne Wilson
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H Donald Yngsdal
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Bill & Violet Zahn
Laura Zeccardi
Dorothy Zeller
Daphanie Zimmerli
Janice Zimmerman
Anthony Michael Zimprich
Ronald Zinnel

If we’ve missed or
misspelled the name of a
loved one, please accept
our heartfelt apologies and
notify us at 507-252-2165
to remedy the error.

Forever
In Our Hearts

Phil Henoch
Emeritus Trustee

Kak Johnson
Emeritus Trustee

Helen Wheeler
Resident Caretaker & Relief Manager
Sadly, we don’t always know when a child dies …but we always care.

If you would like your angel remembered in our next issue, or if you’d like to include memories of your child in our Angels of Inspiration memory book honoring House children who’ve passed away, contact Paula at pharaldson@rmhmn.org.

Vander
Levi
Mykel
Shaquille
Mildred
Harrison
Sophie
Jacob
Aden
Jonathan
Landon
Brennen
Calla
Cameron
Joel

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of our families who’ve lost their precious children. While their lives were far too short, their spirit is with us forever. The following children earned their angel wings between August 1, 2012, and July 31, 2013.

Hearts of Gold
Remember the Ronald McDonald House in your Will

Planned giving is a vital part of Ronald McDonald House of Rochester long-term future. By remembering us in your will or estate plans, you help make sure that we can provide a “home away from home” for future generations of guest families.

Remembering the Ronald McDonald House is simple. Often a planned gift can help you make a more significant gift than you might have otherwise imagined -- without sacrificing income or security for your own family.

Please contact Maggie for more information or to share your intentions at 507-252-2165 or mschoepski@rmhmn.org.

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO INCLUDE THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF ROCHESTER IN YOUR WILL CORRECTLY:

“I give to the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota Inc., a Minnesota charitable organization, the sum of $ ____________ (or ____ percentage of my estate) to be used for the general purposes of the House.”

Maggie Schoepski
Community Development Director

Year End Giving
A Wonderful Way to say Happy Holidays to those you love

We invite you to make the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester part of your year-end philanthropy. The children and families we serve find great comfort in knowing that a caring community supports our mission. Giving in honor or celebration of friends and family makes your gift even more special. We are here because you care. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a year-end gift to help children and families.
We are grateful to the staff for all the kindness and love they shared. What a great comfort to have a place to decompress and prepare for the challenges ahead. To the families, take care of yourselves so that you can better care for your loved ones. We will never forget this place and from a great distance we are sending you healing, peaceful thoughts.

– John & Kevin, NC

We are so thankful from the bottom of our hearts for the RMH. Our son was born early and had problems breathing and eating. We thought we would be here a week and it turned into a month. Today we get to go home for the first time as a family and we can’t wait to start our new life. Thank you RMH for helping us in a difficult and emotional time.

– James, Chandra & Atlas, MN

The great, caring, dedicated staff made our stay very enjoyable. Thank you for your great hospitality as always.

– Rude Family, ND