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## Keeping families close

March 31, 2021

Ms. Eve Pappas Delaware Pest Control P.O. Box 411 Dover, DE 19903

Dear Eve,

Despite the current climate of uncertainty, our community continues to display unparalleled philanthropic spirit and enthusiasm for supporting our families. We thank you and all of the Delaware Pest Control community for your unwavering support of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware and your donation of \$1,262.50, the proceeds from your Del Short Course event. Comfort, hope and togetherness are the bedrock of our mission. Amid a pandemic, they can be hard to find; however, your commitment to us proves that even though we're apart, we can still do great things together.

We normally take this opportunity to share our previous year's statistics. However, there was nothing normal about 2020! Throughout all of the past year's challenges, our doors never closed, and we continue to focus on providing overnight accommodations, meals and support services. When we ask our families what they would without the Ronald McDonald House, we often hear things such as:

- "We would have depleted our family's savings to pay for a hotel."
- "We would have had to drive four hours round trip every day to and from the hospital."
- "We would have slept in our car."

In 2020, for 599 families, we ensured none of those scenarios were faced. 599 families had warm beds, hot meals, and a safe space to be together. And most importantly, they did not have to delay or miss medical care for their child. Since 1991, we have welcomed nearly 50,000 families to our House, and we also serve thousands of families in our Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and ChristianaCare Hospital each year.

As we face unprecedented challenges, we are more grateful than ever for donors like you who share our vision. On behalf of our Board of Directors, our committed volunteers, our dedicated staff and the families we serve, we thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely.

Pamela W. Cornforth President and CEO

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