



Ronald McDonald House Atlantic Canada

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Albert County Trail Blazers Inc
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Dear Members and Friends...

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity towards our Ronald McDonald House in Halifax and, in particular, to the children and families we serve. Your \$2,000 official is enclosed.

As you know, our House is about sick children and their families, it's about having a warm and cozy place for them to stay, it's about helping to alleviate some of their worries. When our Volunteers show up for their shift, they know that their primary focus is to have fun with the children. To tell the truth, there are many shifts when not much else gets done. When we see the 'To Do' list the next day and not a thing is checked off ...then we know they have done their jobs well and that the children staying with us have had a blast! It's a pretty cool objective for these unbelievable Volunteers and we are so lucky to have them!

Every day we walk through the doors at our Ronald McDonald House we are filled with passion, wanting to make a difference in the lives of those around us. With support from Clubs like yours, we are able to do just that. We have undergone lots of much needed changes this year, including a complete renovation to our backyard/playground and parking lot. We just finished those late fall and know it will be a wonderful area where children can play and their parents can have a contemplative area where they can hopefully relax a little.

We hope you are able to understand a little more about the House by listening to Rodney share the experiences that he, Lisa, Dakota and Riley have had over the last year. As you know their story is not unique ...rather, it is one that is shared by a lot of families who have to bring their child to the IWK.

On a personal note, I want to say that I have always felt that *family* is critical in a child's healing process - just as it is with adults. In my world, the gift of caring and passion is a most amazing gift to share with others and it is obvious that the wide circle of members and friends within the Albert County Trail Blazers all share that same sense of caring and passion.

Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to your entire Club for your generosity, for helping our families and for being such a valuable friend to our House.

With Thanks and Appreciation,

Shauna MacLennan
Executive Director

cc: Rodney & Lisa Steeves