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Be the reason families like yours stay stronger together.

Donate today to help Ronald McDonald House Manitoba provide comfort, support, and hope for families in need.

Dear friend,

My name is Katie, my husband is Derrick, and we have two beautiful children – our seven-year-old son, Mack, and our four-year-old daughter, Evie.

Late in December 2023, our world changed forever.

Evie, who was just two years old at the time, became very ill. She was weak, not eating, and ran a high fever that wouldn't break for more than ten days. After several trips to the doctor in Brandon, we were sent to Winnipeg, where Evie was admitted to the hospital. A blood transfusion was followed by more tests, and then came the devastating news no parent ever wants to hear – Evie had acute lymphoblastic leukemia.



Derrick and Evie



Katie and Evie

Everything happened so fast. Within a week, Evie began chemotherapy and had surgery to implant a port. The treatment was intense and incredibly hard on her little body. **We were exhausted, scared, and trying to hold it all together when we were welcomed to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba.**

I'll never forget walking through those doors for the first time. We were anxious and unsure of what the future held, but the kindness and calmness of the staff wrapped around us like a hug. That night, I had my first hot shower in days – something so simple, but at that moment, it felt like a lifeline.

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This holiday season, your generosity can bring families together when it matters most.

Turn over to help families in need today.

In 2024 alone, **1,632 families** from **287 communities** found comfort and care through **10,899 nights** of accommodation, saving more than **3.5 million** in out-of-pocket expenses.

Because more families than ever are turning to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba for support, our 2025 mission impact will surpass that of 2024.

As the year comes to a close, please give what you can to help families stay strong.

The House became our refuge – a warm, safe place during the coldest, darkest days of winter. Whether it was caring check-ins from staff or cheerful greetings in the hallway, we always felt supported and never alone.

When Evie was too sick to do much, we spent quiet days together at the House, finding comfort in small routines and gentle activities.

Meanwhile, our son, Mack, showed incredible strength, staying with family in Brandon and visiting when he could. It wasn't easy being apart, but Ronald McDonald House helped make those separations more bearable by giving us a sense of home in Winnipeg.

Today, Evie is in maintenance chemotherapy and doing so well. She continues her treatments until March 2026, when we hope to see her start kindergarten soon after.

We are forever grateful to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba and to donors like you. Without your support, families like ours would face this journey alone. Because of you, we had a place to stay, a community to lean on, and the strength to keep going.

From our families to yours – thank you for helping families stay together. Your holiday gift brings comfort and hope to those far from home and helps Ronald McDonald House Manitoba reach its \$100,000 holiday fundraising goal so more families like ours can stay close during the toughest times.

Your gift will help even more families stay together when it matters most.

Thank you for making a difference.

Katie Kerkowich



The Kerkowich family

Please make an online donation at ronaldmcdonaldhousemanitoba.ca, or detach this form and return it with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

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