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Family Stays

When Tately and Brooke Needed Care, Their Family Stayed Close



The Tanner family at Ronald McDonald House Manitoba

When Amanda and Jonathon Tanner's twin daughters arrived far too soon at just 26 weeks and three days' gestation, everything changed in an instant.

Amanda and Jonathon from Waywayseecappo First Nation, Manitoba, suddenly found themselves facing an uncertain future. Their tiny newborn daughters, Tately and Brooke, needed specialized care in Winnipeg's NICU, 3.5 hours away from home. At the same time, their two older daughters, Rosie and Karter, were waiting for answers and missing their parents.

Like any family in crisis, the Tanners wanted to be together.

"I didn't want to stay in a hotel room by myself," Amanda recalls. "It felt way too isolating. I didn't want to be alone."

Then she learned about Ronald McDonald House Manitoba.

"As soon as I saw it, I knew I wanted to stay there," she says. "I felt reassured and immediately felt a sense of relief."

For more than three months, Ronald McDonald House became home for Amanda and her family while their daughters received life-saving care.

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This holiday season, help families focus on what matters most — each other.

Turn over to help families in need today.



This year, we provided **over 10,000 nights** of accommodation to **more than 2,000 families** from **over 300 communities**, helping them **save more than $4.4 million** in out-of-pocket expenses.

More families than ever before are finding a community of care and compassion at Ronald McDonald House Manitoba.

Your kindness helps provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare.

With accommodations, meals, transportation, parking, laundry facilities, and welcoming spaces all under one roof, Amanda could focus her energy where it was needed most: on her babies.

"I felt so safe at Ronald McDonald House," she says. "Everything was under one roof. My family could come and stay with me. We didn't have to make other accommodations. It made life easier."

But it was more than practical support that helped Amanda through the most difficult chapter of her life.

She found comfort in the kindness of staff and volunteers who helped carry groceries to her room when her hands were full. She built lasting friendships with other parents navigating similar challenges. And she found moments of joy when her husband and daughters joined her at the House to watch movies, play games, and simply spend time together.

After weeks of waiting, Amanda's daughter, Tately, was discharged from the NICU and was able to stay with Amanda at Ronald McDonald House.

A few weeks later, Brooke joined them, and their family was now together and strong enough to make their journey back home.

Ronald McDonald House was exactly what the Tanner family needed when the unimaginable happened.

"My family loves coming back to Ronald McDonald House when the babies have checkups. It's like going back to see family and old friends. It's been such a wonderful place for our family. It's more than a house. It's just like our home. Thank you!"

— Amanda Tanner

As the holiday season reminds us of the importance of family and home, will you make a gift to Ronald McDonald House Manitoba?

Your support will help ensure families stay close to their seriously ill or injured child and find comfort during uncertain times.

Because of you, family stays, hope grows, strength endures, and children never have to face their medical journey alone.

Help us reach our **$100,000** holiday fundraising goal!



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