How Every Little Thing Helps Our Families

Something so little can mean so much. This past year, 2,871 pounds of pull tabs were collected for us, that’s 3,590,678 actual tabs! With the donation value of your pull tabs matched by Niagara Metals, something so little can mean so much. This past year, you raised over $2,000 which contributed to keeping our House warm during our cold Buffalo winters.

Your generosity, love and heart that have made this all possible. Where we are today and where we can grow in the future is all because of you. It is because of you that we are able to provide the services and programs that strengthen families during their most difficult times.

Because of you, in 2019 more than 400 families stayed at our Buffalo House with over 1,100 nights donated through our Share a Night campaign.

Because of you, since opening, there have been over 25,000 visits to our Family Lounge and an average of 360 bedside visits made each week by our Happy Wheels Cart. Your dedication to supporting us with donations of good will, comfort and a sense of security when their world has been turned upside down.

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Last year volunteers contributed over 15,000 hours of service to help our families! Each hour you spend with us gives our families the extra warmth and caring when they need it the most. From the over 7,000 meals prepared each year by our Cooks for Kids volunteers, the cookies and baked goods, the hundreds of Grab & Go Bags to the handmade booties, pillowcases, mittens, hats, and everything in between, you have made a significant impact on our families. Your smiles, dedication and compassion are the cornerstone of our charity.

Money donated by individuals and foundations, like the National Fuel Gas Foundation, the General Mills Foundation and the Rich Products Foundation, associations and businesses have helped RMHC of WNY positively impact thousands of children and their families. As I reflect on over 20 years as Executive Director of RMHC of WNY, there are several loyal supporters who have repeatedly played a key role in our success including: Oniville’s Home Appliance, the local McDonalds Owners/Operators and Fisher Price. Your continued generosity makes our families day and it means the world to us.

To all our donors, and on behalf of our families and all of us at RMHC of WNY, we thank you for the important contributions you make to our charity! Your support, commitment, time and love enable us to help so many families in need at such a critical time. So, to you, our thoughtful Friends and generous donors, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. We absolutely could not do this without you!
Fisher Price

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Local McDonald’s Restaurants

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Every day, we are humbled by the appreciation from our families. Our families are coping with the stresses of their sick child, mounting medical bills and a host of other crises. The courage our families show in the face of some of life’s greatest challenges is an inspiration.

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