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Greetings Everyone!

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity stop back to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH) and make an additional 2001 donation of some items that we were able to acquire for the kids. This time, we brought 2 girls' bicycles and a special surprise.

A few Sunday's before this trip, I was driving to visit a friend and saw a yard sale. On my way back, figuring I had nothing to lose, so I stopped and asked how much they wanted for the 2 girls' bicycles, because I wanted to take them to PRMH. When the people heard that I wanted them for the kids at the house to play with, they gave them to me! I felt it was rather fitting too that we've donated 2 boys' and now 2 girls' bicycles to PRMH over the past two years! ;-)



Ronald McDonald with Elaine Roy, Chuck Dolan and donations from SJDMF

With less than a month left before many start school again, a very Special Summer Camp Week has finally arrived. This is the week that many special children have the opportunity to "Be A Kid First and Sick Second" at Ronald McDonald Summer Camp (RMC), located in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains. Thanks to generous financial donations to SJDMF, 3 special kids are able to go to enjoy this week at RMC.

Thanks to another friend of SJDMF, there is an additional activity many of the kids should have the opportunity to try - Astronomy. A month and a half ago I was at our local American Legion hall, met some local guys and started talking with them about our work with SJDMF. Actually, although the Legion collects tabs for the Veterans, the bartender saves her tabs for me & the guys saw her pull her collection out of the cash register and give them to me. She then proceeded to tell them about our tab collection efforts.

A few days later, I got a call from one of the guys saying that he had a really nice almost-new reflective telescope that he'd like to donate to SJDMF for PRMH and would I be interested in it? I

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immediately confirmed with Elaine, the PRMH Special Projects Coordinator, that they could certainly use it. Before I knew it, the telescope was in our garage, ready to go to PRMH!

We've been busy collecting can tabs for the Sean James Dolan Memorial Fund (SJDMF) 2001 - 2002 collection. We've already received tabs from friends from CT, MA, NH, NJ, NY, OH & PA. Although it'd sure be nice to collect 600 or more pounds for next year, I'll only say that we will remain 'cautiously optimistic.'

We have received support from a number of additional groups, including a few flight crews from Shuttle America Airlines, who fly into our local Mercer County/Trenton Airport! We have also set another 'SJDMF record' in a new 'category,' thanks to our friends Danny & Irit (who by the way will be getting Married next month)!!! Irit brought some of our RMH Tab Houses back to work with her when they came to visit in January. Last week when they were over to visit, they presented us with a bag of tabs from the El Al Airlines offices in Israel!!! Who would have thought that people would find out about our Sean and help others from half of a world away!

That brings this year's total donations from SJDMF to PRMH:

- almost 600 pounds of aluminum can tabs
- 3 "Campership" scholarships for critically-ill children to Ronald McDonald Camp
- 4 Pentium computers, with mice & keyboards
- 2 computer monitors
- 1 boy's and 2 girls' bicycles
- 1 reflective telescope

Add last year's donations from SJDMF to PRMH and we've done Really Well:

- over 210 pounds of aluminum can tabs
- 2 "Campership" scholarships for critically-ill children to Ronald McDonald Camp
- 1 boy's bicycle
- a "Care Package" with household goods for the PRMH families

It is comforting that Thanks to You and your support, not only are we Making a Difference in the lives of sick kids familys', so far 6 kids lives' have become a little brighter because of the loss of our son. We also currently have enough to continue sending 1 child to RMC in Sean's memory through 2006! With the help of continued financial donations, this number will only increase.

Once again, on behalf of PRMH and SJDMF, Thanks To All of You and Everyone who helps you, for thinking of and helping us help the families of sick kids at Ronald McDonald Houses All Over. Thanks for Helping To Make A Difference!!! You Are All Truly Appreciated !!! ☺ ☺ We invite you to visit Sean's Web site at <http://www.fysd.com/Sean> and 'e-sign' his Guestbook!

God Bless You All & Keep Those Tabs and Other Donations Coming ! ☺

Chuck Dolan
SJDMF Administrator

"A Hundred Years from Now . . .
it will not matter what my bank account was,
the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . .
But the World Might Be Different Because I Was Important

In the Life of a Child . . . "

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