

Dear Debbie

On behalf of everyone here at Ronald McDonald House Charities and in particular our Manchester House, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation of £1,250 raised by the South Lancs DA to support our work. I'm so pleased to hear that the youth member you mention has the all clear – this is great news! I'm also delighted that we were able to support her parents when she was ill in hospital.

We are so grateful of your support now more than ever with the devastating impact Covid-19 is having on our ability to raise funds. During these uncertain times, we find comfort knowing we have kind supporters like you to enable us to continue supporting families throughout this difficult time when they need us most!

Founded in 1989, Ronald McDonald House Charities vision is for every child in hospital to have their families close by, and that those families are fully supported and actively involved in their child's care. We've kept over 50,000 families together over the past 30 years. Our 11 Houses across the UK supported 5,720 families in 2019 offering a "home away from home" at no cost to stay. Our longest staying family was 559 nights and on average a family would stay in one of our houses for 17 nights. When a child is receiving specialist medical care at hospital, a parent's priority is to be by their side. For many children receiving specialist care and treatment can last weeks, months or even years and they need their parent(s) by their side. Without our houses for many families this would be impossible.

Warmest wishes and thanks again

Vanessa

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