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Greeting Everyone!

Things are certainly starting to heat up around here! I thought Summer was supposed to start in a few more months!

I've been cutting Sean's grass at the Cemetery for well over a month now. I'm also in the process of planting almost \$100 worth of flower bulbs at our house, so hopefully we'll have wonderful flowers throughout the summer (& in the future) for our little guy, without having to spend a lot of time and money at the florist.

Tab collections have been slower over the past few months. Some people thought that we were only doing our tab collection campaign for only a few months and didn't realize that we hope to keep our program going for many years to come. Some of the Companies we work with are no longer providing free sodas to their employees (due to budget cuts). In addition, some people who used to consume lots of beverages have now begun summer weight loss programs. At least the good news is that they're now sending us the tabs from their Slim Fast cans!

We did however have another 'Tab Record' this month. I stopped at one of our local Cumberland Farms convenience stores two Sundays ago to drop off a few tab collection houses, which the employees eagerly welcomed. To my amazement, they called the next day to tell me they already had a box filled! Sure enough, they had about 1 1/2 boxes packed with tabs! Last Sunday I stopped in again, after one of my buddies said that he didn't see any houses there when he had stopped by. The lady whom I had given the houses to the previous week was there. She told me that unfortunately the owner didn't like the idea of collecting for anyone, but the employees were putting the boxes out when he wasn't around. She also said that one of the women who works there owns a vending company and will begin collecting for us!

We also got a report from one of our tab providers that some of our most recent tabs from her have come from more western states including Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota & Wisconsin! Apparently the woman's daughter's boyfriend plays in a band and they are asking for tabs at the clubs and other venues that they play at! Hopefully his collecting tabs for us has raised awareness and motivated more people to start/continue collecting for RMHs in their areas too!

Last weekend, my wife & I saw a movie on TV called "Pay It Forward." For those of you who haven't seen it, (I recommend you do) it's about a boy who has an idea that spreads across the country, doing something positive for others. When the movie was over, I couldn't help but think of how to me, it had an interesting similarity to our own lives. I don't only mean with Helen Hunt's role's experience at the end of the movie, but also of how it was because of her son that many other people were able to benefit because of one idea for kindness. The Spirit of Sean's fund has and will continue to help many people who could be in serious situations.

We've also been fortunate to receive other things this year for PRMH, in addition to brand-new toys one of our contributors gave us last fall. Just yesterday, one of the company porters stopped by my office with "two boxes." I immediately recognized the sender's name, as that she has been sending us tabs for a few years now. To my pleasant surprise, the large boxes were filled with previously viewed VCR tapes - including various Classics (including from Disney), National Geographic and the History Channel! We're sure the folks at PRMH will really enjoy them!

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Speaking of yesterday, it was National "Take Your Child to Work Day." When I got into the office, I had voicemail from one of my coworkers whose 8-year-old daughter had presented me with a bag of about a pound of tabs two years ago, on behalf of her second grade class. Since then, she and her classmates had been very busy and collected 7.7 Pounds of tabs, which they presented to me for PRMH!



Julia, Lexi and Caroline present Chuck with tabs collected for SJDMF from the Cedar Hill Elementary School

We're increasing our chances to send a 3rd kid to Ronald McDonald Camp this year (instead of just 2). I purchased a few tickets for our local Knight's of Columbus Chapter's "10-Week Club" raffle (www.yardleyknights.org) and won \$50, which'll go to SJDMF's Campership fund! I'll also be putting at least one of the donated lawn mowers out in front of the house for sale (that is after I cut the grass out front), which should increase our chances.

Thanks To All of You and Everyone who helps you, for thinking of and helping us to help the families of sick kids at Ronald McDonald Houses All Over. You Are All Truly Appreciated !!! ☺ ☺ Please visit Sean's Web site at <http://www.fysd.com/Sean> and even 'e-sign' his Guestbook!

God Bless You All & Keep Those Tabs 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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