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Greetings Everyone!

We hope all of you had a Wonderful 4th of July and enjoyed drinking from your aluminum cans! We, just like all of you have been busy with all of our activities. One of the Biggest Activities was the Sean James Dolan Memorial Fund Second Annual Donation Trip to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH).

This past Saturday marked the 2nd Anniversary of the death of our dear son, Sean James Dolan, with a Mass offered in his memory on Sunday afternoon. It was much less eventful than last month when we celebrated Sean's birthday. That was when while doing some minor landscaping at the Cemetery, I got a really nasty case of poison ivy, which put me out of commission for a few days. At least the Old Church looked nicer for the Open House the day after Sean's Birthday.

Last week we went on vacation, just like last year. Unfortunately, the included special photos we hoped we could have processed were on the 'vacation roll' so I wasn't able to get this out sooner.

We looked like a construction worker's version of the Beverly Hillbillies, with our buddy Eldon's Ford pickup Truck, filled with all sorts of barrels, boxes, bags and packages, headed to PRMH.



Chuck Dolan presenting Elaine Roy of PRMH with this year's donations from SJDMF

Fortunately when we arrived at PRMH, the maintenance guys were there to help unload our gifts. It took us a while to get things setup for photos. Once that was accomplished, we presented PRMH Special Projects Coordinator Elaine Roy with this year's 'goodies' including:

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- A check to provide 3 critically-ill children "Campership" scholarships to Ronald McDonald Camp this Summer, which brings our total to 6 kids over the past 3 years.
 - 4 Pentium computers w/5Gb disks, CDs, etc. w/4 keyboards and Mice, donated by a company in PA. Much better than the ones the PRMH families have to use!
 - 2 Computer monitors donated by our buddy Eldon (after he found out the computers we got didn't have monitors)
 - A Child's Bicycle, and of course
 - Bags, Barrels, boxes, bundles and other containers filled with aluminum can tabs

I had also thrown my air compressor in the back of the truck, so I'd be able to make sure the kids' bike tires were properly filled.

After photos were complete, we then had the task of emptying all of our aluminum containers into recycling trashcans, which took quite a long time. We were very happy they had a few four-wheel carts, so we could fill 2 recycling cans at a time.



Pam Dolan helping PRMH Maintenance staff fill recycling cans with tabs from SJDMF

This year's tally came from friends in California, Canada, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and the Washington's (D.C. & State).

Since we had problems trying to weigh all of the containers before we went, we decided to use the experience of the PRMH guys, based on approximate weight per can. Therefore, this year, Thanks to So Many People, We Filled 12 Recycling Barrels with Tabs - Estimated at Just Under 600 Pounds !!! I could hardly believe we got that many tabs from "refreshments," cans of fruit, tuna, baby formula, pet food, powdered juice, Soup, etc.! That brings our Grand Total to about 800 Pounds of Tabs Collected for PRMH over the Past 2 Years, not including what people have given to the RMHs in their local areas!!!

The PRMH staff guys even joked that if we'd come the week before, they wouldn't have had a place to put all of our tabs! That time when the Recycling truck came to PRMH, they picked up over 2,600

pounds of tabs and another 2,400 a few weeks before!

Thanks to everyone for your updates and tab collection stories. One of the most recent tab collection stories came from my Godson's mother, who said that their family was at a party hosted by her husband's company. During the party, Bryce (who is 4-years-old) walked up to her with his hand outstretched and asked, "Mommy, can you hold these for me?" In his little hand were tabs that he had collected by going around the party. It wasn't that he was just pulling the tabs off cans. He was walking up to people he'd never met before and asking for them to give him their can tabs for Uncle Chuck! No one had ever asked or told him - he did it on his own!

Our 2001 - 2002 SJDMF collection efforts are now well under way, with plans implemented to reach more people in the future. We had a number of friends from CT, MA, NJ, NY (including our friends from MW in Long Island!), OH & PA already give us many pounds of tabs. Even yesterday, someone left a PRMH Tab House box on my truck!

Speaking of PRMH Tab House boxes, I just purchased our 5th case of 250 of them and am actively distributing them. Please let me know if you want/need more.

By the way, for the record, the Tab House boxes and any other SJDMF expenses (incorporation filing fees, etc) come out of my pocket and not from any donations to SJDMF. All money we collect for SJDMF goes to send critically-ill kids to Camp in the future. That's one of the Best benefits to having e-mail - I can still let people like you learn about our progress (Thanks to You!) while keeping postage and other costs to a minimum.

I can't be sure if we'll come close to this past year's record, Lord knows we'll try. If we don't quite beat this year's total, at least it wasn't because of lack of effort! Of course, it would be nice if next year we were able to bring a Half Ton (or more) to the folks at PRMH!!! ;-)

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 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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June 26, 2001

Mr. Charles Dolan
Sean Dolan Memorial Fund

Dear Chuck:

It was so nice to see you and your sweet wife today. On behalf of the Ronald McDonald Camp, I thank you for your generous donation of \$1200 from the Sean Dolan Memorial Fund. This gift will allow 3 very special children to attend camp free of charge.

Our new campsite, Camp Timber Tops, was the right move for us and we look forward to our second year there as we celebrate our program's 16th year. Come up for a visit sometime – the experience will surely warm your heart.

Please let everyone involved know that the entire Camp Committee is so grateful for your continued commitment to children and your understanding of what it takes to allow them to learn, discover, and grow.

Thank you, Chuck!

Warmly,

Elaine Roy
Special Projects Coordinator

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House is obligated by current tax laws to confirm that no goods or services were received for this donation.

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