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Greetings Everyone!

Hope all of you and your families have been well and y'all have had a Wonderful, Safe 4th of July Holiday & overall Summer! Big "Hello & Thanks for All You Do!" to all of our Military, Law Enforcement, Fire & Special Service people who are away from their families to keep others safe and free!

It seems like we jumped from winter, to rain, to scorching heat! This has definitely impacted the flowers and in addition to many of our schedules. During Easter of 2000, we received an Easter Lilly from our Church. Quite often these flowers are forced to grow early (so they'll be ready for Easter) and won't bloom again. We planted it in our garden and it is now in full bloom with many flowers!

Normally we would have already gone to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House (PRMH), however we simply haven't had an opportunity to schedule a visit. Not to worry - despite our lateness and We will still be sending 2 critically-ill children to Ronald McDonald Camp this year and have quite a few copy-paper boxes filled with tabs for PRMH! Thanks to All of you who've made this year's collections such a success! Could you please send us your "snail-mail" address as soon as you can, so we can make sure we can give it to PRMH to add to our "Thank You" List? THANKS !

We did at least made our Spring trip to the local scrap yard. Although we didn't remit as much as before, it was more useful than going to some landfill. ;-)



Spring trip to the Scrap Yard

June 9th marked Sean's 4th Birthday. The day started off with light drizzle, with the 9:00 am Mass offered for him. After a stop to the florist and a quick bite to eat, we went over to visit and do a balloon

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release. By the time we got to the Cemetery, the clouds were starting to dissipate, turning into a beautiful day.



Sean's site on his 4th Birthday

Over the past year we've continued to oversee all of the children's graves at the Cemetery - almost 2-dozen - dating back to 1891. For 4th of July, each of their graves got a 6" American stick flag.

On a sad note, our uncle Pat Berry peacefully passed away in his sleep on 19/June at the age of 74. Honored Military veteran and retired high school art teacher, his influence will continue in his students. We flew from Philly to Boston and then from Hanscom Field to Trenton, and as always, U.S. Airways flight crews gave us the can tabs from the flights. We appreciate it!

We appreciate continuing to get a number of plastic & paper bags filled with tabs dropped off at home in our mudroom, on top of vehicles in the yard, in front of my office door! Thanks to All of our friends at Telcordia Technologies for their continued support, who've helped to fill up yet another copy paper box full of tabs for us this month! Thanks also to all of our relatives who gave us tabs when we've seen them over the past month!

Correction - The last "SJDMF Update" thanked friends & parishioners from the Cochituate Methodist Church in Massachusetts. I was wrong - Cochituate (a suburb of Wayland) is not where Matt, Sandy & the kids go - they go to one of the other Churches in town. Therefore Thank You to Trinitarian Congregational Church on Cochituate Road in Wayland!

Today marks the 4th anniversary that Sean breathed his last breath of life. There was a Mass said in his memory last Thursday. If you have children, perhaps you take time out of your busy schedule and treat them in some way to something special. If you come home tonight and find them in front of the

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TV, video computer, etc., have them "Step away from the screen" and take them someplace that you both enjoy. When you put them to bed tonight, give them an extra hug and tell them how special they mean to you. Think of all of the other families whose children can't be held and more. Cherish your family.

It is truly amazing for us to think that through the incredible amount of support we've received over the past 4-years, we've been able to help PRMH help others. We are happy that we've been able to brighten the lives of 10 seriously ill kids so far, in addition to 56 videotapes, 4 bicycles, toys, games, supplies and 1,300 lbs (+4-500lbs) of tabs to PRMH. This couldn't have happened without the help of people like you!

Thanks Again To All of You and Everyone Who Helps You, for thinking of and helping us to help the families of sick children from All Over the World at Ronald McDonald Houses All Over! You Are All Truly Appreciated !!! ☺ ☺ We hope you have a prosperous Summer! Please visit Sean's Web site at www.fysd.com/Sean and 'e-sign' his Guest book!

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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