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Greeting Everyone!

Hope Y'all are Doing Well and Have Used Many Opportunities to Do Fun Stuff this Summer! Hard to believe folks are gearing up in the Back to School/work Rush.

After 6 weeks of "Excessive Heat" (90-100) alerts this year in our area, the Dawg Days of Summer took a break this past week while a record-breaking 186 Special Children are at Ronald McDonald Camp in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Two of those Kids were there Thanks to an Angel whose wings of influence continue to Touch Friends from All Over! We Hope they're All having Lots of Fun! ☺

At the end of July we went camping with a bunch of friends from Mass, who gave us a total of about 4 pounds of tabs.

A few weekends ago we went to a Family Reunion at New Hampshire's Newfound Lake. The weather was hot and the lake was cool and crystal clear. Many of our relatives collect for us and usually give a pound or two. (-; You know how long it can take to fill a tab house! ;-) My cousin Tracy and her Friends from Mass. took the Reunion's "TopTabber Award" with a Whopping +7 lbs!



Tracy Dolan's donation of over 7 pounds of tabs from Mass.

*An Angel With A Small Body, Giant Spirit*

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The week before last we attended the 11<sup>th</sup> American Women's Self Defense Association's (awsda.org) Annual Training Seminars, held in Phillipsburg, NJ hosted by U.S. Family Martial Arts (USFMA). The afternoon before the Seminar started, I happened to see Lance, the North Carolina State Rep. Walking with some people. Then he says, "I've got something for you." Next thing I know, he's got two big plastic bags in his hands with about 4 lbs in them. Then our friend Calvin from Canada did the same with about 1.5 pounds! Then there was Bill from USFMA and others! Ultimately we ended up with about 7+ pounds in all from AWSDA. Some people packed their (& friends) bags of tabs their luggage, so they would have more room to bring home things they bought while they were there. We are Very Fortunate our AWSDA Family continues to be So Supportive to Us!

When we got back from AWSDA, there was a package of tabs sent from one of my wife's Clients named Nancy & her friends in CT.

Last Tuesday afternoon, I received a call from a woman named Cheryl, who said, "It says on the side of this Ronald McDonald House box to call this number when it's full. OK, Now What?" (I didn't recognize the area code. Where was she calling from?) I didn't expect her to say all the way from Minnesota! (How did she get one of our boxes?) She said a woman named Linda who worked as a Rape Crisis Counselor. (Someone from AWSDA? No.) She mentioned, ". . . her Fiancé who is in a Band . . ." and it hit me! These are Friends of the Folks that I wrote about back in April, who've been collecting in every State they go! Despite Linda & her beau-to-be moving to Virginia, these folks have not only continued to collect tabs, but now their friends are collecting too! I wouldn't doubt Linda's starting people wherever she lives now to Pop-a-Top! We've never met Linda and her Fiancé. She found out about SJDMF from her Mom who has been collecting for us through work.

Ultimately I'd have to say that's a Really Good representation of "people from all over!" ;-)

With school already here for some & just around the corner for others, we anticipate another wave of kids starting to collect tabs at school. If we can be of help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks Again To All of You and Everyone who helps you, for thinking of and helping us to help the families of sick kids from All Over the World at Ronald McDonald Houses All Over! You Are All Truly Appreciated !!! ☺ ☺ We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! Please visit Sean's Web site at <http://www.fysd.com/Sean> and 'e-sign' his Guest book! I've included a copy of a recent letter we received from PRMH. Just like was said at the end of the last letter, it's people like you who **Really Make A Difference!**

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 . . . "*

*An Angel With A Small Body, Giant Spirit*

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A program of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House

August 14, 2002

Pamela and Chuck Dolan

Dear Pam and Chuck:

On behalf of the Ronald McDonald Camp, thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$800 from the Sean James Dolan Memorial Fund. Two very special children will be able to have an extraordinary camp experience because of your continued friendship.

Your campers will enjoy riding horses, swimming, fishing, playing competitive sports and creating his/her very own art projects—all important components in a child's recovery. Once again, the focus will be on "fun" in a safe, nurturing environment.

Sorry that I missed your visit but I am glad that you got the chance to meet Debra. On behalf of the entire camp committee, thank you for your understanding of what it takes to help a child with cancer enjoy the wonders of just being a kid.

Warmly,

Elaine Roy  
Development Manager  
Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House

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