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Greeting Everyone!

It's Starting to Fell Like the Dog Daze of Summer are Gone and Fall Has Fallen! The stores are filling up with Halloween costumes & even Christmas items. Speaking of "filling up" - We're extremely Happy to let you know that our work with SJD MF's Contributions Continue to Grow!

Here's two recent tab stories for you.

A few weeks ago, I stopped into the Yardley branch of Fleet Bank. They have been continued supporters for SJD MF with people continually dropping their tabs off at the bank for us. When Stephen saw me, he said, "I have some tabs for you." The next thing I know, he comes from behind the bulletproof glassed-in teller area with one of those large canvas money (bill) bags, filled over a foot tall with almost 16 pounds of tabs! Of course the funniest part about it for me was as I walked out of the bank, I thought how interesting it would have been if someone actually thought the bag was filled with money & tried to rob me!

That next weekend, while entertaining friends, we got a call from our buddy Andy, who is a local volunteer fireman. He and his fire company have been extremely supportive to SJD MF over the years. In fact, it was through them that we were supported by that special 10-year old boy from Harrisburg, PA (see our June 2001 "SJD MF Update").

All Andy asked was whether we'd be home, because he had some tabs to drop off. We could hardly believe our eyes when he pulled into the driveway in his Ford Ranger filled with paper boxes stacked double-high with tabs!!!



Andy's donation of tabs from a local Elementary school

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Apparently the Firehouse got a call from a local Elementary school asking if they were still collecting can tabs. They said, "Yes" and that they'd come to pick them up. When they got to the school, they were told that "someone" had been collecting them last year and they had recently found all sorts of boxes of tabs in a number of closets and other storage areas!

SJDMF has once again extended out to help others in need. Last month, we received a large bag of like-new toys and stuffed animals from one of our faithful supporters named Barb, (her son had outgrown them). We gave these toys to Walt from "His Work In Progress" (www.hwip.org), who will be sending them in their next overseas container to deserving kids at an orphanage in war-torn Bosnia.

Correction - Last issue I told of a woman named Cheryl, who called that she collected tabs for us from Minnesota. I had said that she got one of our RMH Tab Houses from a woman named "Linda" whose Fiancé was in a Band. I was wrong - "Linda" is actually "Laura" (at least I got the 1st & last letters right in her name). Laura's Fiancé's name is Danny and the band he is in is called "10DAZLATE"

Worldwide Announcement of Upcoming Events - McDonald's Chairman and CEO, Jack Greenberg, announced an unprecedented, worldwide fundraising event set for Wednesday November 20, 2002 as "World Children's Day." The event will take place simultaneously in all 29,000 McDonalds' restaurants in 121 countries. Funds raised from World Children's Day will benefit local Chapters of Ronald McDonald House Charities and other children's causes in communities worldwide. According to Mr. Greenberg, "World Children's Day is intended as a single moment in time for our franchisees, our suppliers, our employees and our customers to combine collective resources to help children in need around the world." I found out about it after my Brother-in-Law gave me the advertisement from the newspaper. You can go to www.rmhc.com/news/news_recent_42602a/index.html for their announcement. I typically don't go to fast-food restaurants. On November 20th however, I believe that We'll be Eating at McDonalds to support this worthy cause!!!

I've attached a copy of a letter Telcordia Technologies Staff & Friends received, Thanking everyone for their support for the Sean James Dolan Memorial Fund. Although it may be addressed to "Telcordia Technologies Staff & Friends" it really applies to Each of 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 Safe Fall Season! 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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Ronald McDonald House Charities® ("RMHC®") creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children worldwide. In addition to awarding grants to non-profit children's organizations around the world, RMHC provides support to its cornerstone program, Ronald McDonald House.®

Ronald McDonald Houses serve as temporary lodging facilities - "homes away from home" - for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. While RMHC provides support to the more than 216 Ronald McDonald Houses through seed, expansion and emergency grants, each House program must rely on local volunteers and donors in its own community to provide the majority of staffing and funds necessary for operations.

This year, RMHC will be the beneficiary of an unprecedented fundraiser hosted by McDonald's® Corporation - World Children's Day. On November 20, 2002, McDonald's 30,000 restaurants in 121 countries will open their doors to 46 million people worldwide to help children in need. You can visit your local participating McDonald's on that day and join in this fundraising effort that will help RMHC help children right in their own communities.

Help us further our mission of creating, finding and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well being of children in need. For more information, or to learn how to support RMHC, please visit our website at www.rmhc.org or write to:
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, I am writing to thank you for your generosity in contributing to Ronald McDonald Camp through the Sean James Dolan Memorial Fund.

Mr. Charles (Chuck) Dolan sent your donation to us combined with all the donations he collected. Your contribution, generosity and kindness will support children at a week-long overnight camp experience at Camp Timber Tops in Greeley, Pennsylvania. The campers really look forward to this chance to be "kids" first, and cancer patients/survivors second.

We were able to send over 175 campers this year - the most we've been able to support in the past four years. We would not be able to bring a camp experience to this many children without the help of generous donors like you. Again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nelson
Administrative Associate