



Ronald McDonald
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South Central Ontario

Keeping families close

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Welcome to Room 208

Insurance Brokers Association of Hamilton

kept **123** families close from
October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2017

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our sincere *thanks*



*On the cover: The Hammond Family.
Marty, Griffin, 6 and Emily.*

Pictured above: Griffin, 6.

Dear Insurance Brokers Association of Hamilton,

We are the Hammond Family, pictured on the cover.

Our family is from Niagara Falls, Ont., and we live over 100 km from RMHC South Central Ontario. In December 2011, our two year old son Griffin was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive muscle cancer. The treatment he required was offered at McMaster Children's Hospital, so we packed up our family and headed to Hamilton.

That's where you come in. Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) South Central Ontario, keeps families like mine close. Close to the specialized care that our critically ill children require. Close to other families who know what we are going through. And most importantly, close to each other so we can heal.

You make that possible. In this report, you will read about some of the other families who called Room 208 their home away from home.

We are delighted to tell you that after 46 nights, we were able to return home to Niagara Falls. Griffin is doing very well and our family is truly grateful that we could stay together when we needed each other most.

On behalf of our family, RMHC South Central Ontario and the families who have called Room 208 "home", thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Hammond Family

family stories



"We are so thankful for RMHC South Central Ontario; my husband and I thought we were at our breaking point and they helped us find strength. We will be forever grateful to them for allowing us to stay close to Grayson".

Hardwick Family
Home: Welland, Ont.
Stay at the House: 271 nights

"We are ever grateful to RMHC South Central Ontario's dedication to see families through their struggles and to keep families together during the hard times. To allow families to stay close and keep a routine during some of their worst days, is one of the greatest gifts".

Arenburg Family
Home: Dundas, Ont.
Stay at the House: 54 nights



"RMHC South Central Ontario showed our family so much compassion and kindness and allowed us to relax and take care of ourselves. That time in our life is indescribable, yet the memory of staying at the House brings me so much happiness and appreciation".

Moffatt Family
Home: Smithville, Ont.
Stay at the House: 24 nights

all about room 208



\$159

cost to accommodate
one family for one
night

\$12

amount families are
asked to contribute,
per night

**Children were
treated for:**

Mental Health | Oncology
Neurology | Premature birth
Eating Disorder | Seizures |
Trauma | Other

*because
of you*

123

families stayed
in room 208

**219
days**

longest length of stay
in room 208

Families travelled from:

Beamsville, ON., Bracebridge, ON., Cambridge, ON., Cayuga, ON., Elmira, ON., Fonthill, ON., Grimsby, ON., Guelph, ON., Hamilton, ON., Kitchener, ON., Listowel, ON., Mississauga, ON., Niagara Falls, ON., Palgrave, ON., Port Colborne, ON., Simcoe, ON., St. Catharines, ON., Stevensville, ON., Virgil, ON., Waterloo, ON., Welland, ON., and Windsor, ON.

