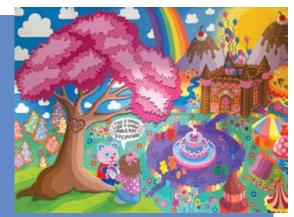
## IF THESE WALLS **COULD TALK**

As many of you will be trimming the trees and decking the halls in the coming months, we will be putting the finishing touches on a different kind of tree here at RMHC Detroit. Over the years RMHC has grown to become much more than a House; focusing efforts on helping families before, during and after their stay with us.

Leah's Giving Tree will be a place where families can fill out a tag which will hang on the tree displaying an item or items they need to support them during their stay or once they return home. The item's can be anywhere from food to

clothing - whatever it may be to aid in the families healing process or help reduce financial burdens. When donors and volunteers visit the House they can choose which gift(s) they may be able to fulfill.

This beautiful addition to our House was made possible by a generous donor who wished to name the tree in memory of his granddaughter, Leah. Leah's memory is honored in the mural design by the use of her favorite colors, a quote she often shared to spread positivity to others, and the depiction of her "Candy Pandy"; a bear that was once a drawing, brought to life as a stuffed toy that she would give to fellow patients at the hospital. By supporting Leah's



Mural designed and painted by: Shaina Kasztelan Tree installation by: Vantage Technologies USA

Giving Tree, you too, are helping us remember Leah and the compassion she had for helping

If you cannot come by the House in person to choose a tag from

the tree, you can still help by donating to Leah's Giving Tree fund to aid in fulfilling family wishes.





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Looking back on another fun

and meaningful summer, I am filled with gratitude.

In July, myself and members of my staff, had the opportunity to attend the RMHC Global International Conference in Chicago with 1700 other RMHC representatives, spanning from 68 countries, and 226 chapters in celebration of 50 extraordinary years of service. What was once a single house in Philadelphia, has now grown to 390 Houses across the globe, serving over 1 million families - and counting! Standing on the shoulders of

> giants, our chapter will celebrate its 45th year of service in November. and I am extremely





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proud of the work we have done. Though, as pediatric health care grows in Metro Detroit our programs become pivotal. I hope you can join me in celebrating our past and looking forward to a compassionate future.





Jen Litomisky, Kelly Klemmer & Anthony Walker

## **Upcoming Event: Spare the Love** November 10th, 2024 - Bowlero Royal Oak

Staff members from every RMHC in Michigan!

The 4th Annual Spare the Love event is a fun night







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