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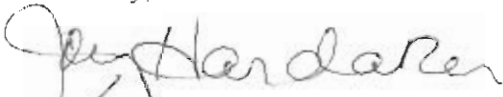
Dear James:

I want you and everyone involved at Body and Soul to know how very much your work at the Ronald McDonald House means to the families here. We may not provide your **biggest** audiences, but the enjoyment and calming effort of your music is invaluable to the parents and children here. I do hope you all will be able to continue your involvement in the coming year.

From the jazz trio to the Anderson with their piano and bass, from Rachel Kamps singing at the piano to Goliath playing the guitar for families and again at our fundraising event, there is talent galore and personalities that fit right into the atmosphere we are trying to provide here for the families. The photos we used in our newsletter showed how much the programs were enjoyed, and we often share the stories of your visits with board members and visitors to the House. Music is such an important stress reliever that your Body and Soul visits are a natural for our programs.

As you know, the Ronald McDonald House provides lodging and support programs for families who have critically ill, chronically ill or seriously injured children. The trend to do outpatient treatment has brought children into the House more and more over the past few years...not just siblings, but the patients themselves in 69% of our families. It's so important to provide more than a television set for their diversion. Debby Hays coordinates our special programs, including art therapy and massages for the families. She also talks to the families after these special programs and I can tell you that you're her favorite. She is committed to the families and knows you are as well. Thank you for a wonderful year of programming, and for considering us again in the future.

Sincerely,



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