



BETTER DAYS SOCIETY

Making Better Days For Children With Challenging Medical Needs

2024 - UPDATE

As you are aware, we held our annual golf tournament fund raiser event this past September. We wanted to share a recent story about a family that Better Days Society recently supported, during a particularly difficult time for their family.

DETAILS OF THE SITUATION:

- *A Social Worker from BC Children's Hospital submitted a Funding Request, on behalf of the family from the Fraser Valley area*
- *The family has a 2-month-old baby, with a complex cardiac history since birth, and had surgery on day 4 of its life, with complications of infection and seizures following the surgery.*
- *The baby remains in the Pediatric Cardiac ICU for ongoing treatment.*
- *Both parents are off work to support the baby while in hospital. They are staying at Ronald Macdonald House. Their personal finances were becoming extremely limited.*
- *Funding from the provincial government ran out after the 1st month (end of November)*
- *Their funding request was to cover 1 to 2 months of accommodation costs at Ronald Macdonald House.*

OUR RESPONSE:

- *We received the Funding Request on Nov 30th ... did our review of the application and provided our approval on Dec 2nd.*
- *As the family does not know how long their baby will have to stay at the hospital, we approved accommodation costs for the month of December ... and asked the Social Worker to reach out to us in the later part of December, if they were going to need coverage beyond that time.*

A NOTE FROM THE FAMILY:



*When the family received our approval, they immediately sent the following note to us ... it reflects why we do what we do and **we believe that their thanks is really directed to our many friends, families and associates that donate funds to us!***

On behalf of my family, I just want to say thank you. We really appreciate being able to stay at Ronald McDonald while our baby is in the PICU. Ronald McDonald has been a huge blessing and comfort to us as we travel this road of being in the hospital and trying to stay together and function as a family during this time where we live day-to-day with a lot of uncertainty. Our other, almost 3-year-old son, - was struggling to be away from us and I cannot explain how much better it is for us to all be together at the hospital / Ronald McDonald House.

I can't even put into words how much this means to us.

Many thanks