To say my husband Martyn and I did everything possible to have a family is an understatement.

After four years of trying and six rounds of IVF treatments, we were finally pregnant with twins. Our pregnancy went almost to term. At 33 weeks, we delivered our beautiful twins, Louie and Mia. But at just a little over four pounds each, they had to be constantly monitored in the Newborn ICU as they developed.

Martyn and I lived nearly an hour from the hospital. We didn’t want to miss a moment with our new twins and typically spent about 18 hours a day in the NICU, so it wasn’t feasible to commute back and forth – and we knew hotel and food expenses would quickly add up.

More than anything, we needed peace of mind that our babies would be okay.

When a social worker at the hospital told us about Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, we weren’t sure what to expect. But when Martyn visited, he knew it was just what we needed. The House Manager knew our and our precious twins’ names before he’d even introduced himself!

It was clear from the moment we walked in the door that the volunteers at Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte would make all the difference for our family.

The volunteers and staff of Ronald McDonald House provided Martyn and I with a clean, comfortable, spacious room and anything we could think of. They cooked meals every day and made every accommodation we needed. They lifted a huge burden from our lives and eliminated so much stress from a challenging time. They even asked about Louie and Mia’s progress.

Though they didn’t know us, we truly felt they cared about us.

We lived at Ronald McDonald House nearly three weeks before Louie was deemed healthy enough to leave the hospital and move into our room. The volunteers and staff accommodated us again to keep our family together.

A few days after Louie was released, Mia was able to leave the hospital, too. When we returned to our real home, we felt as if we’d been there all along. That’s how comforting, warm and welcoming the volunteers are at Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

When our newborn twins weren’t able to come home from the hospital, we were able to stay together as a family in a happy environment. And it’s because of donors like you.

When you give to the children and families helped by the volunteers and staff at Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, you’re giving families like ours the ability to stay together while our children heal. Your support reduces stress for families like ours by giving them access to an affordable, loving, comforting home. Your gift gives sick children and families a renewed sense of hope – and that they aren’t alone.

Today, Louie and Mia are growing faster than ever. Our family is happy and healthy, and we owe much of it to the people of Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte.

Children heal faster when their family is around them.

Give Today.

I want to give $[VAR]

I want to give:

☐ $[V1]  ☐ $[V2]  ☐ $[V3]  ☐ $

Make my gift:  ☐ One-time  ☐ Monthly

☐ My employer will match my gift

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Most sincerely,

Julia Holmes
Former Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte Family

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