

*The House  
That Love Lit*



**Age:** 4 years

**Diagnosis:** Incurable, life-threatening digestive disorders

**Hometown:** Bozeman, Montana

Michelle Green wants her daughters to just be kids. That's easier said than done, considering that Ellsie, age 4, has no colon, can't eat, is hooked up to a feeding tube night and day, is highly susceptible to viruses, and has surgery as often as other kids have skinned knees.

The first 2 years of Ellsie's life, the cost and coldness of motel rooms on trips to Billings — and too many nights sleeping in hospital chairs — was “just killing” the family. Then the Greens found our House. “When we come to the Ronald McDonald House,” says Michelle, “we have everything we need. The girls can be little girls here, with places to play and people around that focus only on their happiness. We're as comfortable here as we are in our own home.”

**Length of stay:** 35 days in the last 2-1/2 years

*Ellsie*



*Around the clock...*

**Age:** 9 years

**Diagnosis:** Rare neurological and connective tissue disorders

**Hometown:** Glasgow, Montana

Nine-year-old Dwayne Andersen is small and thin. His spirit is anything but. Since age 3, he has cheerfully battled disorders that have beat down people many times older and bigger — disorders resulting in rampant tumor growth, vision and hearing problems, severe headaches, numbness, nausea, and arthritis. On every visit to Billings for surgery or checkups, the Ronald McDonald House has been Dwayne's home base. Two summers ago, he and one of his parents stayed with us at least once a week.

When a stroke caused by a degenerated artery struck Dwayne this July, surgery took the family to Utah for 10 days. We sent them off with love and prayers, and something a little more practical: reservations at the Ronald McDonald House of Salt Lake City.

**Length of stay:** 60 days in the last 2 years

*Dwayne*



*...year-round...*

**Age:** 17 years

**Diagnoses:** Pediatric pulmonary blastoma;  
severe fractures and internal injuries

**Hometown:** Red Lodge, Montana

When Angela Schilz beat a 2-year battle with a rare cancer at the ripe old age of 5, she was wise beyond her years. "I'm not going to waste a minute of my life!" she announced to her aunt one day at the family's long-time "home away from home," the Ronald McDonald House of Billings. Then she went right out and grew into a lovely young woman.

But trouble came calling again on Angela's seventeenth birthday. That day, a head-on car crash left two boys dead and Angela gravely injured. The Schilz family returned to us again, staying through Angela's hospitalization.

Angela is home now, planning a long and healthy life. As for us, we plan to always be here if she needs us.

**Length of stay:** 140 days in 1990-91; 25 days in 2004

Angela



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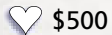
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