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Dear Friends,

In their time of need, our families find a soft place to lay their head at night, a warm meal to come to after a long day at the hospital, and the support of other families facing similar circumstances. Nelly’s family would experience this first hand...

On a Tuesday afternoon, Nelly came home from school with a stomach ache. Laura tried to soothe her daughter, but by Wednesday morning Nelly was feeling much worse. Laura rushed Nelly to the ER and she was diagnosed with appendicitis. The doctors acted quickly to schedule Nelly’s surgery, but when her appendix ruptured Nelly had to be transferred almost 2 hours away from home to a hospital in Pensacola.

Nelly had to remain in the hospital for 27 days while her body fought off an infection which caused a number of serious complications. Nelly’s family was close by at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) to be with her every step of the way to help her recover.

Nelly’s father, Efren, shares his experience at RMH, “It gave me peace of mind knowing everything that my family needed was here for them, since I eventually had to return to work. Having a meal already cooked was such a blessing for our family. It meant we could spend more time at the hospital.” Being only 9 years old at the time, Nelly loved getting to stay close to her parents and siblings.

“The donors and volunteers have been so gracious to help take care of our family. All we can say is thank you from our heart,” said dad. Nelly made a full recovery and is a happy, healthy little girl! You continue to keep families close to their child in the hospital, and for that, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your gift of a delicious meatloaf meal. For more information, call 850-477-2273 or visit www.rmhc-nwfl.org.

Caring for Families,

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