

# GIVE THE GIFT OF FAMILY

*during this season of giving*

A life-threatening car accident sent ten-year-old Elijah Olivas to the Emergency Room with multiple skull fractures, collar bone fracture, kidney failure, a punctured lung and many more critical injuries as he was ejected from the car.

Parents Jason and Maria made the anxious four and a half hour drive from their home in Santa Maria to meet Elijah at a hospital in Stanford, CA, where Elijah was immediately flown. Elijah's first of many surgeries was an attempt to save his hand, which had been amputated at the scene of the accident. Many more surgeries followed in order to repair his severe injuries.

On the third day of surgery, the Olivas family was given the news there was a room for them at the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House, since Elijah would be transferred to Children's Hospital Los Angeles for continuous therapy care for four months, of which they were able to stay at the House.

**"The Ronald McDonald House came through, allowing us to be by Elijah's side for every step of the way,"** Jason said.

During this difficult time, Jason was also able to connect with other families at the House who's children were also facing critical illnesses, as they were able to support each other through the worries, trials and tribulations they faced.

**"A family's love was absolutely important and crucial in the recovery process for Elijah and all of us,"** Jason said.

Doctors were able to save Elijah's arm and repair his many critical injuries. Today, the Olivas' frequently visit the House whenever they are in town and give back to the House by joining the annual Walk for Kids, as they walk to celebrate the life of their son, Elijah, and continue to support current and future families of the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House.

*your season of giving gift helps us keep families like the Olivas close all year long*

*Don't forget to make your gift before year end!*

You can give conveniently online by following the link below, or by mailing a check to the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House, 4560 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

If you have questions regarding your gift, or need information regarding stock transfers, gifts from Donor Advised Funds, or matching gifts, please contact Brianna Gauff, Director of Development, at [bgauff@rmhscs.org](mailto:bgauff@rmhscs.org) or 323-644-3075.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Friends,



I want to express my gratitude for all of the warm welcomes that I have received during my first three months as Executive Director. As we celebrate this Season of Giving, I couldn't be more thankful for all of our supporters who share their time, talent and treasure with us. I would also like to take a moment to thank our LARMH team for their tireless work serving our families, each and every day.

As 2022 comes to an end, please know that any contribution, large or small, helps to keep families close to the care and resources that they need at this difficult time in their lives.

Thank you once again for helping us provide comfort, care and support to children and their families. May you and your families have a safe, healthy, and a very happy Holidays.



Rebecca

## Meet our newest LARMH Ambassador, Caleb Foster!



Pictured here: Sara from the Amelia J Collection, Rebecca Jackson Lai (LARMH Executive Director), and Caleb Foster. The Amelia J Collection partnered with Caleb to donate clothing items for the families staying with us. Thank you Caleb & Sara for your generosity!

We are so excited to introduce Caleb Foster as our newest LARMH Ambassador. Caleb is a top high school senior basketball player at Notre Dame High School, who is committed to play for Duke Men's Basketball. He has a passion for giving back to his community. Our ambassadors work alongside our team to offer comfort and care to the families who stay with us. We are thrilled to have Caleb join us and we hope you all will follow along to see his upcoming projects that support the House!




# JANUARY

**Your support is vital in helping us keep our families fed! We hope you will join us in providing or sponsoring a Meal of Love in January.**

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