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As Thanksgiving approaches, we thank God for our donors, families, volunteers and friends.

Over the past four years, Jill's House has changed lives in ways we never thought possible. You helped provide 413,500 hours of respite care, save marriages and restore 500 families, including 1,000 typical siblings. And God's precious children have a place where, for once, they belong and "fit in" beautifully.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, who come from all backgrounds and walks of life and have one thing in common--the desire to celebrate special children and renew their families. This year, children hosted lemonade stands to raise funds for Jill's House. Athletes raised money by running marathons or participating in long-distance bike races. Individuals and companies sponsored our many events. And donors sponsored a child's stay for a night or faithfully gave to become a member of our Jill's House Circle of Friends. For all of these gifts and creative ways of giving, thank you.

We are also grateful for those who serve as God's hands and feet. The exceptional care Jill's House provides is made possible thanks to our volunteers who are critical to the personalized care we provide children. Some of the children we serve have complex medical requirements or require a deep understanding of emotional needs and responses. Thanks to volunteers who regularly commit their time, we continue to make the safety and well-being of children our number one priority, while ensuring the children have fun and experience new things each time they visit.

While donors and volunteers provide many blessings, they repeatedly tell us how much giving time and gifts bless the giver. "When I see new volunteers walk through our doors for the first time," shared Vice President of Advancement Denise Daffron, "and see the look of awe and amazement on their faces, it reminds me what a beautiful place this is. Especially gratifying is witnessing individuals who may be nervous about interacting with children with special needs flourish into servants who can't wait to be with them again. But what touches my heart the most is something I hear over and over again--that volunteers sometimes walk in after a bad day at work or with a heavy heart or mind and walk out with a renewed level of joy and hope for their own lives."

Whether you donate your time, talents, treasures or prayers to Jill's House, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are changing lives through your generosity and faithfulness. We wish you a safe, happy Thanksgiving.

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