



# LOVE

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RONALD McDONALD HOUSE OF DURHAM & WAKE



KEEPING FAMILIES CLOSE

## HELPING BABY HAZEL YOUR LOVE AT WORK

**Shasta and Andy prepared for the birth of their daughter. Like other first-time parents, they hoped for an uncomplicated welcome for their tiny miracle.**

During the delivery, Shasta experienced a placental abruption, life-threatening for both mom and baby. After an emergency C-section, baby Hazel was delivered.

Hazel received CPR for 45 minutes before being stabilized. While Shasta stayed behind for care at the hospital in Sanford, doctors flew young Hazel to WakeMed Children's Hospital with help from Duke.

Once Shasta was released, she and Andy came to WakeMed to be with their baby. The physical trauma of Hazel's delivery and resuscitation required more life-saving efforts, including four surgeries.

That's where Ronald McDonald House stepped in.

**"They gave us the number and said to call if we wanted to stay to be closer and visit as often as possible," Shasta said.**

Shasta and Andy accepted the offer.

Doctors repaired two intestinal perforations. Hazel received a temporary feeding tube and an ostomy while she healed.

Shasta and Andy credit RMH donors for helping to save their child.

**"There are people who don't even know us who made sure we could be near Hazel during the early crucial days. She recovered because we could be there with her every single day. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."**

Hazel is now happy and well. When they return for clinic visits, Shasta tells her, "That's where Mommy and Daddy lived for a while." ❤️



Hazel (above) has come a long way since April 9. (Right) Mom and Dad tend to Hazel in the NICU after the first of four surgeries.



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May - June, 2017

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# “REVOLVING” VOLUNTEER

## DANA WALKER BUILDS LASTING CONNECTION

**If you're looking for Dana Walker on a Monday night, chances are she's at Ronald McDonald House.**

The Durham native and teacher came to the House on January 12, 2013 with a volunteer group from Easley Elementary School.

Later that year her husband, Jarrod, celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends collecting wish-list supplies and preparing dinner at RMH. With the group that night were friends from Durham's Revolve Church.

Within days Dana reached out to say she, Jarrod, their boys, and Revolve Church would like to prepare dinner weekly for the House.

Since then Dana estimates she has coordinated 160 dinners. And that's not all - there have been crafts and activity groups, too.

**“My passion is improving the lives of children, both as a teacher and a volunteer at the House,” says Dana.**

Sons Joseph and Eli consider their service at RMH a normal part of their week. Along the way, daughter Abby, now 3, joined the tight-knit family.

And church and family aren't the only participants. Dana recruited local businesses to contribute to some of the meals. Donors include Home Plate Restaurant and Pizza Inn. She wants everyone to have the chance to contribute and to experience RMH love.

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(Top) Dana with sons Joseph and Eli at the start of their RMH ministry.

(Above) Dana and friends with Durham's hometown celebrity songstress Katie Basden (far left) in 2016.

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### **REVOLVING VOLUNTEER**

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Dana easily befriends families and is a welcome sight in the kitchen. She and her network of angels are part of the fabric of Ronald McDonald House, as are their favorite dishes, including “red chicken” and ultimate nachos.

Dana offers that cooking for large groups is not her gift. But scheduling and organizing volunteers is. She’s also terrific at inspiration, a trait that serves her well.

If you’re in the neighborhood on a Monday evening, stop in for some food, and experience love in action. Dana and Revolve Church will gladly welcome you to their Ronald McDonald House family. ❤️

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