



November, 2011

Dear Friend:

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, we all become increasingly consumed with activities of decorating, gift purchases, festive parties and travel plans. While it is a very busy time of year, it is also a traditional time of giving and sharing... and that is my reason for contacting you.

At the Ottawa Rotary Home, we are reminded - every day - of the demanding daily routines that are required of families caring for an adult or child with a physical disability. These families lovingly care for their family members, but from time to time they just need a break - an opportunity to run errands, spend quality time with other family members or just to have a little extra time for themselves. The Ottawa Rotary Home has been there for these families for over 25 years and **we need you to help us** by making a contribution as a part of our Angel Campaign.

By donating \$25, \$50 or more, you can give families in our community the chance to catch their breath and rest and allow a young adult with a disability some time to socialize with other young adults living with disabilities and with our wonderful caring staff.

Your financial support has a real impact on families in our community and here is just one mother's experience and her thoughts about the Rotary Home:

"I am the proud mother of two non-verbal, physically-challenged boys... People would often ask me - How do you manage? And, I now know, that it was with the aid of our school, our day respite and the Rotary Home weekend and vacation respite care.

The boys both started going to the Rotary Home at a very young age and - believe me, it was not easy sending them off with their little suitcases - but I knew they were in good, caring hands. Do you remember how it felt the first time you left your newborn child with a babysitter? The only difference is that our boys were not newborns...

When we first starting using the Rotary Home respite care, I felt that we had to be doing or going somewhere special so - many times - I did not ask. I think that the Rotary Home sensed this hesitation in most parents so they decided to offer a program of respite care where - from September to June - for one week out of every seven, your child could go from school to respite care at the Rotary Home.

Wow - one week out of every seven and a written schedule. I did not have to phone and ask for respite care. For that one week, we were just like all our friends - free to go out (without planning days in advance) and out we went. I planned something for every night, whether it was just going to a movie, or having coffee with friends or family - we were not staying home!

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But once the youngest turned 21, gone was our school, our day respite and our Rotary Home respite care - our life line. We now faced the prospect of sitting-at-home, 24 hours-a-day, with our now-grown, totally-dependent adult child.

Our lives moved on and we have found other means of respite but, it is not the same. The flexibility of respite care offered by the Ottawa Rotary Home is lost to us.

Twenty-nine years ago, my father passed away and, when I called the Rotary Home, the answer was "sure, we'll fit you in". Recently, my mom passed away and, with nowhere else to turn, I - once again - called the Home. This time, however, the Rotary Home had to say "no"....

I think that was the very first time in 20 years that the Rotary Home couldn't help us.

But, with your continued generosity and support of the Adult Respite Program, our family can, once again, have an occasional evening or weekend out.

We so appreciate your service - it's a God-send to the family - Thank you!"



Hundreds of children like these have utilized the Ottawa Rotary Home services over the years but, once they become young adults, they are now unable to access the government funded services we offer. Families caring for these special young people can no longer count on regular respite breaks as the Rotary Home is only able to offer a limited program of adult respite services at this time.

Your support makes a huge difference to families in our community. This holiday season, be an angel to our young adults and make a donation today. Your gift will help make sure that they - and their families - have access to the respite care that is so vital to their health and well-being. Please give generously to this year's Angel Campaign.

Sincerely,

Anne Naylen

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P.S. You can help either by completing the enclosed response card or by donating online at www.orhfoundation.ca (receipt will be mailed) or via [CanadaHelps - Charity Profile: OTTAWA ROTARY HOME FOUNDATION](#) (donation will generate an automatic receipt for tax purposes via reply email).

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Yes, I want to help young adults & their families in my community!



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Thank you! Your gift helps families in our community stay healthy and strong.

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