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**Roma Community Bank Foundation Participates in GIVE 365  
*Supports Family Stays for a Year  
at Ronald McDonald House Southern New Jersey***

**ROBBINSVILLE**, New Jersey – Families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House Southern New Jersey (RMHSNJ) are asked to pay \$15 a night towards their stay, but no one ever is turned away. Sometimes, however, families are stretched to their financial limits, so in 2015, family donations to the House averaged \$3.23 per night. But thanks in part to the Roma Bank Community Foundation’s participation in GIVE 365 – providing a donation of \$5,475 – a family will be able to receive accommodations at \$15 per day, for each of the 365 days in a year.

RMHSNJ applied for the grant from the Roma Community Bank Foundation, which supports non-profit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank. Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in December 2013.

As a GIVE 365 funder, the Roma Community Bank Foundation provides for basic house utilities such as water, gas and electric; regular maintenance to ensure a safe and suitable home environment; and household supplies for the kitchen, laundry, etc.

According to President and Executive Director Ann “Teddy” Thomas, 75 percent of the families who stayed at RMHSNJ in 2015, qualified as low-to-moderate-income and were unable to pay for a hotel room or an apartment while their child received medical treatment. “Our goal is to allow families to focus solely on their child’s care,” explained Thomas. “We work every day to alleviate typical burdens from our families. Investors Bank’s participation in the GIVE 365 program through the Roma Community Bank Foundation will enable a family to stay together as their child receives the medical care he or she needs.”

In reality, according to RMHSNJ Development Director Tina Fiorentino, it costs \$86 per night for a family to stay in the House. “Each night, the House hosts up to 25 families. The GIVE 365 donors provide us with considerable assistance.”

“Parents with children suffering from serious illnesses or traumatic injuries have enough stress and fear to deal with,” said Carol-Anne Peacock, Investors Bank Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager – Maple Shade, “so the services provided by the Ronald McDonald House in Camden are an amazing blessing. Investors is privileged to be able to assist those families through the Ronald McDonald House and the GIVE 365 program and through the two rooms Investors and Roma have sponsored.”

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**Photo Caption:** Carol-Anne Peacock, Investors Bank Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager – Maple Shade (seated, front), recently presented Ronald McDonald House Southern New Jersey (RMHSNJ) President and Executive Director Ann “Teddy” Thomas (left) and Development Director Tina Fiorentino with a check from the Roma Community Bank Foundation for \$5,475 for the GIVE 365 program to assist in providing accommodations to families of seriously ill or injured children.

**About the Investors Foundation**

Investors Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$22 billion in assets and a network of more than 150 retail branches, Investors delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors’ banking services include complete deposit, loan and cash management products for consumers and businesses. The Investors Foundation supports non-profit organizations that enrich the quality of life in the communities the Bank serves. To date, the Foundation has dispensed more than \$15 million to support initiatives ranging from community and civic improvements to the fight against diseases. Investors Bank. Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

**About Ronald McDonald House Southern New Jersey**

Ronald McDonald House Southern New Jersey (RMHSNJ) is one of 362 Houses in 42 countries that offer hope, help and home to critically ill children and their families. The original Ronald McDonald House, located in Philadelphia, was founded in 1974 and is a close partner with RMHSNJ. For 33 years, RMHSNJ has been a “home away from home” for more than 24,000 families whose children are receiving life-saving treatments for critical illnesses and traumatic injuries. Each year, approximately 600 families hailing from 39 countries and every state in the US stay at RMHSNJ. Located in the heart of Camden, NJ, RMHSNJ is staffed 24 hours a day with a Resident Manager, six full-time staff and four part-time employees. The house has 25 spacious bedroom suites, each with a unique theme such as Candyland, Sesame Street, Harry Potter and the Phillies. RMHSNJ also operates eleven Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in Southern New Jersey hospitals with large pediatric units. For more information on RMHSNJ, go to [www.ronaldhouse-snj.org](http://www.ronaldhouse-snj.org).

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