**“Bringing Moments of Joy / Leaving Happy Memories”**

St Nicholas Children’s Charities is very grateful for your generous support in 2020. Your generosity helps bless many children and families during the most difficult time in their lives.

Covid had a big impact on our efforts this past year. Access to Children’s hospitals and other organizations halted in March. While we did make toy and gift card deliveries before the shutdown, we could not deliver again until November, delivering about 400 toys and $700 in gift cards to Cook Children’s Hospital.

Ronald McDonald House (RMDH) was closed for several weeks and gradually reopened to half capacity. Because of RMDH reduced capacity, the need for lodging options for families greatly increased. We covered 45 days of lodging at local motels, helping families with children being treated at Cooks.

We were able to make a second delivery to Cooks just before Christmas. Since I contracted Covid just prior to Christmas, Jerry Cox, one of our board members, delivered 500 toys and nearly $1000 in gift cards. Since Santa and Mrs. Claus could not visit in person, we recorded videos that the staff played for the kids as they gave out toys.

We connected with Kinderfrogs School at TCU this year. Kinderfrogs is a school for young children with Down syndrome and other developmental delays. While we could not visit in person, we recorded videos for them, and are very excited to begin a new relationship to help more children in the community.

As 2021 begins, our plan is to remain flexible and open to the needs of the organizations we work with and families we serve. How we fulfill our mission may change a little, but we remain focused on helping families with critically ill, terminally ill, and disabled children. Bringing them “Moments of Joy”