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## *A Personal Reminder of Our 'Why'*

Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have been a visceral reminder of what it means to care for someone gravely ill. In this case, it was my 99-year-old mother. Her health deteriorated so suddenly that our family braced for the inevitable.

But my mother is a fighter. With her indomitable spirit, sharp mind, and keen sense of humor, she surprised us all. Gratefully, she is rallying and on the road to recovery. It simply wasn't her time.

I am one of the lucky ones. I have four siblings to share the responsibility of her care. We have the resources to meet her needs and, just as importantly, we have each other to lean on.

This experience, however, threw into sharp relief the profound exhaustion and hopelessness facing families whose reality is not like ours. It's a stark reminder of what it's like to navigate a health crisis without a support system.



That is exactly why The Davies Project exists.

We exist to be that support system. To date, this community has rallied for nearly 1,000 local families, providing volunteer-driven rides to ensure their children and expectant loved ones can access life-sustaining healthcare. Together, we are improving the health and future of our community, one child at a time.

This mission is powered by you. Some of you give your time as drivers. Others give financially. Many of you do both.

To everyone who pledged support at our Driving Change Breakfast Fundraiser in September, to those who cheered us on at the MSU Homecoming Parade this month, and to all who supported last Saturday's BBQ luncheon—thank you.

Your generosity is more than a donation, and your time is more than just a ride. It is a lifeline. It is the tangible proof to a family in crisis that they are not alone. My mother had her family to lean on; because of you, nearly 1,000 other families have had The Davies Project. Thank you for being their strength.

Ready to make a difference? It's never too late to start driving or make a gift.

With gratitude,

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