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## **A Thanksgiving Story: The True Impact of Your Support**

Dear Friends,

With Thanksgiving approaching, I want to share a piece of wonderful news that truly captures the spirit of the season.

Just last week, one of our dedicated volunteer drivers, Mike, was at the YMCA when he had an unexpected and heartwarming encounter with a family we provided rides for seven years ago.

As you know, the families we serve become a part of our lives for a significant time. But as their circumstances improve and they no longer need our rides to critical medical appointments, we don't always get to know the rest of their story.

This particular mother and daughter were especially cherished by our team at The Davies Project. It was a beautiful moment for Mike to see the little girl—now so healthy and thriving—and her mom doing well, too. They exchanged hugs and happy greetings—a reunion that reminded us all why we do this work.

This family overcame a major hurdle in their lives, and we were so fortunate to be able to help them on their journey.

## **A Sobering Reminder**

This holiday, many of us are counting our blessings. Yet, other families are facing their own significant struggles right now, and we are doing all we can to give them the boost they need.

A few days ago, our intern from Michigan State University, Morgan Huyser, joined a ride to meet one of our families. We always give a set of healthy snacks to the children we drive. But this time, the mom asked to take the snacks home instead of letting her child eat them in the car. Her simple, heartbreaking reason: to stretch their food budget a little further.

This echoes the serious concerns shared by many of the parents we serve, and even two who sit on The Davies Project Board of Directors. Food insecurity is a real and sobering reality for far too many families in our community. The rides we provide to medical care often highlight the very real struggles we are all reading about in the news.

# Your Support Makes the Difference

Your support keeps our cars on the road and our vital work going. It allows us to be there for a family as long as they need us, helping them move from crisis to thriving health. And it allows us to give a mother a ride today, while knowing we are also helping her manage the anxiety of feeding her children.

The impact you make goes far beyond what any of us can imagine.

I am deeply thankful for all you do and for the families we are able to serve through your generous support.



## A heartfelt thank-you to the East Lansing Kiwanis Club for their continued generosity.

Your thoughtful contribution of healthy snack bags ensures that every family we serve has something nourishing to look forward to on each ride. We are truly grateful for your partnership and the care you extend to our community.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Riley Miklavcic".

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