



Orange County Ronald McDonald House

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Melise Marks, President
Sempra Employee Giving Network
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Dear Members of the Sempra Employee Giving Network,

I read that scientists have recently discovered what they're calling an "altruism gene," which helps explain the evolutionary roots of generosity. Apparently, during tough times, even simple bacteria can work together for their collective survival. The gene, initially traced in a primitive form of alga, promotes cooperation when organisms are under stress. This discovery may eventually shed light on why many human beings help each other, too.

But no scientific study is necessary to explain the generosity I witness on a daily basis here at the Orange County Ronald McDonald House and inside our two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms. Given an opportunity to learn about the medical challenges facing our children and their families, people are visibly moved to help. You're living proof of that! And your gift reflects the most admirable human altruism: *a desire to assist others in need.*

On behalf of the thousands of children and families who benefit from your generosity, thank you very much for your gift of \$2,000.00, received on February 09, 2010. Whether or not scientists are able to explain the mysteries of human kindness, I continue to appreciate the mere fact that *you* are so kind! Thanks again, not only for helping our children and families, but also for making the world a better place—and advancing the future of our species in the process!

Gratefully,

Deborah Levy
Executive Director

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Please consider this letter official receipt of your tax deductible contribution on February 09, 2010 in the amount of \$2,000.00. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. Our federal tax identification number is 95-3167869.