



On October 31, 2017, our 16-year-old son Drew was a passenger in a single vehicle accident and was air lifted to Peoria where he spent 167 days at OSF HealthCare St. Francis Medical Center having well over fifty surgical procedures while hospitalized.

We were blessed with the best Trauma, Orthopedic, Plastics, Wound Team, and caregivers during our stay, and could not have asked for better employers - Ottawa Savings Bank (Mark) and Zipak. Our families and friends played a vital role in assisting us in our time of need. The final and crucial piece of our stay was made possible by Family House.

We received a referral from OSF to Family House on November 1<sup>st</sup> as our home was more than 80 miles away, and back in Ottawa our niece and nephew became instant parents to Drake, our 13-year-old son. We made Family House our home away from home for our entire stay in Peoria. After three weeks in Peoria, Mark was able to return to work on a limited basis and would make the trip back and forth from Peoria to Ottawa. Family House was home to Lisa every day for 166 days and to our youngest son on the weekends. We had countless meals provided to us from very giving volunteers and local providers. Family House provided a clean, safe environment and caring staff that allowed our family to stay together as much as we could in our time of need.

What started out as the worst nightmare, fifty plus surgeries later, is truly a success story. We couldn't be more proud of Drew's accomplishments in his recovery. He is walking on his own two legs without assistance of a walker or cane when some thought he never would, and will be walking with his graduating class in May of this year.

We will be forever grateful for the care and compassion that we received during our stay in Peoria at the Family House. The Stoudt Family asks that you support Family House and its continued mission to serve out of town families while loved ones are hospitalized in the area.

*Mark, Lisa, Drew, Drake*