

# 100+ Women Who Care Donates to Ryan House

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Ryan House provides support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. This exceptional organization has profoundly impacted the community through its innovative and compassionate programs, offering a sanctuary of respite, care, and support during some of life's most challenging moments.

Founded in 2010, Ryan House was established to fill a critical gap in care for children with complex medical needs. The facility provides palliative and respite care in a home-like environment, focusing not just on medical needs but on the holistic well-being of children and their families.

One of the core programs of Ryan House is its Respite Care, which offers families a much-needed break from the intense demands of caregiving. By providing temporary relief, Ryan House allows parents and caregivers to rest, recharge, and attend to other aspects of their lives, all while knowing their child is receiving top-notch care in a safe and nurturing environment. At Ryan House, children and families can receive up to 28 days of respite care per year completely free of charge.

While a child is staying at Ryan House, they participate in life-enhancing therapeutic activities. Certified Child Life specialists and trained volunteers provide activities

that address the isolation, pain, and fear children and their siblings face with a diagnosis. They also improve overall quality of life by providing opportunities to experience new sensations, develop skills, and gain confidence.

In August, Rushell Wreschner shared the mission of Ryan House with her 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun group in the East Valley. The members were moved by her presentation and selected the charity to receive their quarterly donation of \$10,875.

"Ryan House is grateful to 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun for their incredible support of Ryan House children and families," said Tracy Leonard-Warner, Executive Director. "Their gift will enrich the quality of life and create cherished memories for children with life-limiting conditions while providing a much-needed break from 24/7 caregiving for their families."

Since the chapter's inception in 2015, 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun has donated over \$1.3 Million to local charities. To learn more or to register for their upcoming giving circle on October 22, visit [100wwcvalleyofthesun.org](http://100wwcvalleyofthesun.org). Guests are welcome.

To learn more about Ryan House, visit [ryanhouse.org](http://ryanhouse.org).