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## \$14,000 Playhouse Built and Donated by Donatelli Builders Changes Lives in Chicago

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One child in Chicago needed a playhouse big enough to hold his imagination. The Edward Hospital needed funding to provide a safe haven for families with children in treatment. Donatelli Home Builders found a way to help them both by donating a custom-built playhouse that sold at auction for \$ 14,000.

With a lookout tower, a covered porch and a sprawling personalized interior, the Donatelli playhouse is a far cry from the pre-assembled plastic huts sold at big-box stores. Instead, its an original creation requiring all the craftsmanship and teamwork needed to build a full-scale family home, and thanks to the charity auction, the playhouse now sits in one lucky childs backyard.

The auction was part of a charity event called Clubbin for a Cause, which was hosted by the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club (HJWC). Founded on the principles of philanthropy and community outreach, the HJWC organized the benefit to raise funds for the Edward Hospital Family Room.

We found out about the auction only three days before it took place, says Chris Donatelli, founder of Donatelli Builders. Our company is known for our collaboration skills, and those skills certainly came into play for this project. It was amazing to see so many industry experts come together to support such a great cause.

Some of the local businesses that contributed were Marshall Architects, James Hardie Siding, Alexander Lumber, American Gardens Landscaping, ABC Supply, Painting in Partnership, Tilden Roofing and Savvy Interior design. Companies like these helped make one childs wildest playtime dreams come true while at the same time providing a valuable service for the families of sick children in the Chicago area.

Funded by Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Family Room is located just outside the pediatric intensive care unit and outpatient service area of Edward Hospital. With a playroom, two private bedrooms and bathrooms and areas to relax and reconnect, the Family Room lets families stay close to their recovering children while enjoying all the comforts of home.

The Edward Hospital Family Room gives families a sense of home, Donatelli says, even during the hardest time of their lives. Its a great cause, and were just glad we could be a part of it.

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