

Helping hands extend behind the scenes – and wheels.

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Max Paul goes the extra mile for Philadelphia's Ronald McDonald House, say Tina McDonnell (left) and Jane Konefsky, executive director.

Central City Toyota has received the Toyota President's Award for the ninth year.

Having a child hospitalized many miles from home is a difficult situation for parents, but Max Paul helps relieve some of the stress.

The president of Central City Toyota in Philadelphia has worked with the local Ronald McDonald House for several years.

"Max works in our reception area answering phones. He is a great guy and a devoted volunteer," says Tina McDonnell, Ronald McDonald House's director of volunteers.

"I think he would wash windows if we asked him to!"

Central City Toyota is literally a "driving force" for the home-away-from-home. The

dealership donated two vans to assist with transportation, and Paul regularly chauffeurs families to at least five local hospitals. The vans were affectionately christened "Max" and "Sandi" after the businessman and his wife.

"We ask families to fill out a guest service survey, and the vans always rank at or near the top as very helpful," explains McDonnell. "They make our job much easier."

Accommodating up to 44 families at one time requires a lot of assistance. Paul and some 280 volunteers help in all facets of operations. Thanks to their dedication, families of sick children can find a restful refuge and plenty of helping hands when they need them the most.