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AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED GRANT FUNDS BY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF NORTHESTERN OHIO, INC.

Cleveland, OH, May 15, 2016 — The Board of Directors of **Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio, Inc., (RMHC-NEO)** recently awarded a grant to area non-profit organizations whose services are provided to children.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc., established in 1987 by local McDonald's Owner/Operators, has awarded over $10 Million Dollars to children's programs across Northeast Ohio, including ongoing financial support of the Ronald McDonald House® programs in Akron and Cleveland and the **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®**.

- **Ronald McDonald House of Akron** received grant funds to support their annual golf outing, to support a gala fundraiser, and to support their upcoming groundbreaking event.

- **America SCORES Cleveland** was awarded grant funds to purchase items and equipment to support the Health and Literacy Youth Development Program. The mission of America SCORES Cleveland is to inspire urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Robert J. Jursich, Jr., owner of several McDonald's restaurants in the Cleveland area.

- **Cleveland Rape Crisis Center** received a grant to purchase items and equipment to support the Crisis Intervention Services for Child Survivors of Rape and Sexual Abuse. Cleveland Rape Crisis Center supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse, promotes healing and prevention, and advocates for social change. Their vision is to eliminate sexual violence. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Meloney Karos, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Northeast Ohio.

- **Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development,** located in Shaker Heights, received grant funds to purchase furnishings, equipment and educational materials to support their Autism Spectrum Disorder Children's Classroom. To foster the emotional well-being of children and their families and to help them master life's challenges, The Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development promotes positive early learning experiences through

educational and therapeutic services for children and parents; training and support for professionals and community-wide collaborations.

- **OhioGuidestone,** located in Berea, will receive grant funds to purchase items and equipment to support Constructive Play for children at five area Family Life Child Care Centers located in Berea, Maple Heights, Lakewood, Central Cleveland and Brook Park. OhioGuidestone has been serving families in need for over 150 years. The mission of OhioGuidestone is "to provide pathways for growth, achievement, and lifelong success." This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Barbara Malafarina, owner of McDonald's restaurants in Berea and Middleburg Heights.

RMHC-NEO's mission is to support the Ronald McDonald House® programs in Akron and Cleveland and help children by awarding grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations whose programs improve the quality of life for children and their families in Northeastern Ohio. Founded in memory of McDonald's founder, Ray Kroc, RMHC-NEO awards grants to organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax exempt status whose programs benefit children in the areas of health care, medical research, education, the arts, and civic and social service. Since the chapter was formed in 1987, over $10 Million Dollars has been awarded to children's programs across Northeast Ohio, including ongoing financial support of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Akron and Cleveland and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile dental program. Grant requests are considered for tax-exempt organizations within a 20 county area of Northeast Ohio. The Board of Directors meets three times a year to award funding. For more information, contact Ann Newman, Chief Executive Officer, at 216-986-0855, at email Director@rmhc-neo.org. To learn more, visit the web site at http://rmhc-neo.org or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/RMHCNEO.

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