



Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland

## House Update

March 29, 2007

### Tools for Today and Tomorrow



Ronald McDonald House® of Cleveland launched a first-of-its-kind website, [www.toolsfortoday.org](http://www.toolsfortoday.org), designed as a support system tool to fill in the gaps and provide answers for families with special needs children who face many challenges. After three and half years of dedicated planning and commitment and through an unprecedented collaboration of Cuyahoga County organizations and agencies, the site houses vital information to connect families with the resources needed in the areas of; law, advocacy, finances and family issues. [Tools for Today and Tomorrow](http://www.toolsfortoday.org), is designed as an on-going program to assist these families today, tomorrow and for the future. For more information, please visit the website or contact Tools for Today and Tomorrow Program Manager, Linda Kresnye at The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland - (216) 229-5757 x 126.

### High School Strikes it Big for RMH

### Most Treasured Volunteer Award



Ronald McDonald House is proud to announce that Marty Porter and Carole Litt received special commendations at the Most Treasured Volunteer Award ceremonies at the Human Services Institute of The Center for Community Solutions annual luncheon. Their dedication and caring have truly made them invaluable to the House. Our sincere congratulations to both of these very deserving volunteers.

### In the market for a new vacuum?

Help make our House a happy one while you make your's nice and clean. This Saturday, March 31st, four area Oreck locations will be showing their support of RMH by donating 15% of each vacuum they sell that day.

Simply mention RMH when you purchase your new Oreck at any one of these locations:



(L-R) Kurt Gabram and students: Nicole Rothfusz, Kat Powers, Brad Nosan, and Megan de Villiers present their check to Craig Wilson and Samantha Stroud.

Nearly 170 seniors from Chagrin Falls High School turned a gloomy Wednesday into something truly extraordinary last month. The 12th grade class held a bowl-a-thon on February 28th at Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe to raise funds for the House. Through sponsorships and pledges, they raised an impressive \$4,000 to support our Share-A-Night Fund. Thanks to Kurt Gabram, Assistant Principal, and the CFHS junior/senior leaders who organized such a fun and successful event!

If you would like to host an event to benefit the House, please contact Samantha Stroud, Events Coordinator, at (216) 229-5757, ext. 105.

### **Corn Hole Classic Tournament**

A big thanks to Joe Sweet who organized a Corn Hole Classic Tournament on February 24th to benefit the House. This game (similar to horseshoes) is quickly sweeping the country, and RMH is excited to be a part of the craze. The contest, held at Gale's Garden Center, attracted dozens of teams and raised a whopping \$453! Thanks!

- Strongsville
- North Olmsted
- Mentor
- Mayfield Heights

RMH staff members will be on-site in Strongsville and Mayfield Heights from 2-4 p.m. to answer any questions you may have and pass out items to support the House! Contact Merle for any additional details at (440) 646-9080. Thanks!

### **Happy 1st Anniversary Ronald McDonald Family Room at Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital**

18,000 visits by almost 1,400 families and 4,500 volunteered hours made our inaugural year a success! Thank you to the Stonehill/Handel Families for their generosity to support operating expenses over the first 5 years and to each of the 85 volunteers who worked to staff, maintain and operate this beautiful facility. We are grateful for the monthly dinners provided by The Littlest Heroes and the following area restaurants; Max Doogans, Stancato's, Valerio's, Winking Lizard and Zeppe's Pizza. We hope to increase our relationships in the community and ask any restaurant/caterer or licensed therapist/salon technician interested in volunteering your service to contact our Family Room Coordinator, Diane Weiner at [dweiner@ronaldhousecle.org](mailto:dweiner@ronaldhousecle.org) or by calling the House at (216) 229-5757 x 122.

### **The RMH Legacy Society**

Make provisions for RMH of Cleveland to be the recipient in your will, trust, or through another planning technique. Please contact us for details or assistance at (216) 229-5757.



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