



Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland

House Update

September 7, 2007

Tools for Today and Tomorrow Wins National Award



Tools program director, Linda Kresnye and Executive Director Craig Wilson accept the "Best Bets Award" for Tools for Today and Tomorrow.

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland received a first place "Best Bets" Award for its work in the area of Relationships and Strategic Alliances at the 2007 Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC®) International Conference held in Chicago this past August. RMHC's "Best Bets" awards recognize successful and innovative efforts, by local RMHC organizations that support the global mission of RMHC – to directly improve the health and well being of children.

Programs from all 270 Houses globally were eligible to receive this world-wide recognition.

RMH Cleveland's winning **Tools for Today and Tomorrow** (Tools) program (www.toolsfortoday.org) is the result of an unprecedented collaboration of leaders from hospitals, universities and organizations in the Greater Cleveland area that understand the non-medical challenges that families of children with special



Business Forum

Session One: Monte Ahuja
Wednesday, September 26, 2007
7:30am—9:00am
Embassy Suites—Rockside
5800 Rockside Woods Blvd.
Independence, OH 44131



Your business can help support the hundreds of families that we serve in a new, imaginative, and informative way: [The Ronald McDonald Business Forum](#). All proceeds from this forum will directly benefit families staying at the House.

Your corporate or individual fee allows you to sit in on a closed, personal interview session with some of the most influential, inspiring professionals in Northeast Ohio. This revolving, yearly membership allows you and your company access to four Business Forum sessions. No matter what time of the year you pledge your support, you are assured four compelling seminars.

You will have the opportunity to network with dozens of area professionals just like you: Cleveland leaders with a strong sense of community and dedication to the greater good.

Mr. Monte Ahuja, Chairman and CEO of Transtar Industries, will provide the premier interview of the series. In honor of this debut installment, the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland is offering a complimentary place to all interested businesses at this exclusive interview.

We hope you will join us for this series of four engaging mornings. Please contact Mary Horoszko at (216) 229-5757, ext. 129 to for additional information. You may also contact via the web at www.clevelandrmh.org or info@clevelandrmh.org.

needs face.

"The key to the Tools program is the community calendar designed to be a clearing house of informational events where families, professionals and organizations can view and post events," said program manager Linda Kresnye. Tools provides information, resources and support about medical and educational advocacy, as well as family, financial and legal issues through workshops, an interactive website, and conferences, that together have not been available before.

This year's "Best Bet" Awards were given in four categories: Reach, Resources, Relationships, and Reputation and each Best Bets winner exemplifies the fifth – Results. Each winning RMHC chapter received a \$5,000 grant and the four overall category winners received an additional \$10,000 grant.

For more information dial contact Linda Kresnye at (216) 229-5757 x 126.

"Good for the House"

What if the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can!



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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.

2007 IRA Withdrawals Consider This Special One-Time Opportunity to Help the Future of RMH Cleveland

If you are 70½ or older, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 presents a unique opportunity until the end of 2007 for you to make a tax-free transfer (up to \$100,000) directly from your IRA to a charity. A gift from your IRA to The Ronald

Familia XXI 2007 Fashion Event

There is still time to reserve your spot at the premiere fashion show event this fall: Familia XXI. This year's event takes place on **Saturday, September 29th at Executive Caterers at**



Landerhaven. Local celebrities will model Saks Fifth Avenue's new fall line while guests dine on a lovely lunch and enjoy several exciting raffle and silent auction opportunities.

Registration starts at just \$60 for this fabulous event which benefits the House's Share-A-Night Fund. You may register online at: www.clevelandrmh.org or by contacting Samantha Stroud, Events Coordinator, at (216) 229-5757, ext. 105.

4th Annual Celebs in the House

Thursday, October 11, 2007

5:30-9:00pm

The House of Blues Cleveland

Live entertainment, fabulous raffle items, and appetizers are included. All proceeds benefit the Share-A-Night Fund which covers the cost of families who can't afford to pay for their stay.

[View more details here.](#)

You may order tickets online at: www.clevelandrmh.org or by contacting Samantha Stroud, Events Coordinator, at (216) 229-5757, ext. 105.

Tools for Today and Tomorrow: Transitioning Your Child from Pediatric to Adult Health Care

September 26, 2007

MetroHealth, East Dining Room
(complimentary parking)
6:30 - 8:00pm

October 3, 2007





Ursuline Educational Center,
Merici Conference Room
6:30 - 8:00pm

October 17, 2007

Cuyahoga Valley Career
Center, Room 670



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-  It counts toward your minimum required annual distribution
-  There is no state income tax on the amount transferred
-  The amount transferred will not be included in your adjusted gross income
-  The balance of your IRA will be lower and therefore minimizing the amount subject to tax upon your death

Please contact our office at 216-229-5757 for more information on how this special legislation may benefit you.

6:30 - 8:00pm

Join Dr. Garey Noritz, MD, and other families for an informative evening and discussion about the

- needs of children who transfer from pediatric to adult health care, and
- resources available to assist you and your child in making these care transitions.

Cost: No charge. However, advance reservations are required.

[View more details here](#) or visit www.toolsfortoday.org.



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