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Providence House Receives Grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities®

The Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio, Inc., recently awarded grants to eight (8) area non-profit organizations whose services are provided to children.

Established in 1987, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc. has awarded more than \$7 Million Dollars to children's programs across Northeast Ohio, including ongoing financial support of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Akron and Cleveland. The awardees include:

- [**Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties**](#) was awarded grant funds to support their children's programs at the Medina Shelter. The mission of the Battered Women's Shelter is to lead the community in the prevention of domestic abuse by providing emergency shelter, advocacy and education throughout Summit and Medina County, all in an effort to break the cycle of abuse and help promote peace in every family. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Lea Heidman, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Medina County.
- [**Beech Brook**](#), located in Pepper Pike, OH, received grant funds to support their Teen Multipurpose Area Renovation project. The mission of Beech Brook, established in 1852, is to advance the emotional well-being of children, youth and their families by providing effective, innovative behavioral health, permanency and educational services and by serving as a strong voice for children, youth and families. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Meloney Karos, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Greater Cleveland.
- [**Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County**](#) received a grant to purchase equipment to establish a Fine Arts Program at the Nordson Community Center in Elyria, OH. The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County is to help at-risk boys and girls develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County provides a safe haven, adult role models, and a variety of programs that support the educational, emotional, physical, and social development of youth, without regard to social, racial, ethnic, or religious background. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operators Joe and Sharon Figueroa, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Lorain County.
- [**Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center**](#) was awarded grant funds to purchase equipment and items for their children's Speech-Language Program. The mission of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center is to serve, advocate for, and empower individuals with diverse communication abilities and to increase public awareness and sensitivity about hearing loss, deafness, speech-language and related literacy issues. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Operations Manager Jeffery Holley, who oversees numerous McDonald's restaurants in Northeastern Ohio.
- [**HM Life Opportunity Services**](#) located in Akron, OH, was awarded funds to purchase equipment and items for their Early Childhood Enrichment Center. HM Life Opportunity Services shares in the life giving mission of the Sister of the Humility of Mary by offering a unique housing program to persons who lack all or some of the basic necessities of life. The program, with its supportive services, assists individuals to



become independent. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator John Blicke, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Akron and Summit County.

- [Neighborhood House Association](#), Lorain, OH, received grant funds to purchase items and equipment their School Aged Children Program and for Playground Equipment. Neighborhood House Association serves Lorain County and its neighborhoods to address basic needs, enhance individual and family life and improve neighborhoods and communities. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operators Joe and Sharon Figueroa, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Lorain County.
- [Providence House](#), located in Cleveland, OH, received grant funds to purchase furnishings, equipment and other items for their Child Development Enhancement Program. Providence House provides a temporary, safe, home-like setting and refuge for children under age six who are in crisis.
- [Rainey Institute](#), located in Cleveland, OH, was awarded grant funds to purchase furnishings, equipment and items for their Children's Art, Music and Computer Programs. Rainey Institute, established 104 years ago, celebrates the talents and strong character of young people who use their outstanding abilities to provide quality artistic experiences for appropriate audiences. This grant application was endorsed by McDonald's Owner/Operator Turan Strange, owner of several McDonald's restaurants in Cleveland

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