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## LOCAL NON-PROFIT TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF MAHONING VALLEY & WESTERN PA

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO (November 12, 2013)...At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 at Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley in Boardman board members from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mahoning Valley & Western Pennsylvania helped local children through a cash grant to Help Hotline Crisis Center to develop a Safe School Line in Columbiana County. The presentation was held at the McFamily Respite Center located at 6505 Market Street, Boardman 44512.

Help Hotline will provide a 24/7 Safe School Line (suicide prevention and anti-bullying) serving all young people in Columbiana County. The Safe School Line will be staffed by paid professionals, with the support of trained crisis volunteers. The staff and volunteers on the crisis lines are backed up 24/7 by a Licensed Mental Health Professional. All personnel, staff and volunteers, meet the guidelines set up by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to staff a crisis hotline.

"We're excited to be a part of a program which helps give children a much brighter future, and offer the vital support to this outstanding program that advances Ronald McDonald House Charities' mission of lifting children to a better tomorrow," said Herb Washington, RMHC Board President and McDonald's Owner/Operator.

Help Hotline Crisis Center received \$5,000 to implement and operate for a year the Safe School Line in Columbiana County middle and high schools.

### **ABOUT RMHC of Mahoning Valley & Western PA**

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mahoning Valley and Western Pennsylvania (RMHC) is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of youth in our own communities.

RMHC of Mahoning Valley and Western PA Pennsylvania helps children by awarding grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations whose programs improve the quality of life for young people throughout Mahoning Valley, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Founded in memory of McDonald's founder, Ray Kroc, RMHC awards grants to organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status whose programs benefit youth in the areas of health care, medical research, education, the arts, and civic and social services.

For more information about RMHC visit [www.rmhc-mvwpa.org](http://www.rmhc-mvwpa.org) or to learn more about your local chapter, for volunteer information or to make a donation please call 330.783.5659.

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