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JACKSON-AREA TEENS FIND INSPIRATION AT NEW LAZY B'S RANCH PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES GRANT



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Livernois, president of Lazy B's Ranch; his wife, Bonnie Livernois and Tim Thompson, owner of Brooklyn McDonald's Restaurant.

The \$1,500 Ronald McDonald House Charity grant will fund multiple sessions of the eight-week "Young Traveler's Program" including the purchase of copies of the book *Young Traveler's Gift*, a story written by Andy Andrews, which is Lazy B's basis for its program. The grant will also provide belt buckles for each camper as well as tools and hide, which are used for arts and craft projects, such as making purses or belts.

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Lazy B's Ranch sits on a 14-acre farm in Cement City, Michigan and provides positive intervention to at-risk teens from Jackson, Detroit and Lenawee County. The nonprofit organization staffs more than 25 volunteers and is in its fifth year of service. 2010 marks the second year of providing area teens with the "Young Traveler's Program," an eight-week program that helps at-risk young people ages 13 to 18 by providing them with more than 20 hours during the summer to ride horses, create arts and crafts and discuss positive attributes. Most teens are referred to Lazy B's by the Juvenile Justice Department. Each session accommodates 20 teens and is offered four times a year.

Founded in 1990, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Outstate Michigan has awarded grants totaling more than \$4 million to more than 350 Michigan organizations. For more information on RMHC of Outstate Michigan visit www.rmhcoutstatemi.org

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