

Baby pantry receives Ronald McDonald grant

FRANKFORT - Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Outstate Michigan announced that it will award a \$10,000 grant to St. Philips Episcopal Church for its Benzie County Baby Pantry. The funds will be used to purchase food, diapers, clothing and other baby supplies. The overall goals of the

program are to reduce childhood hunger and to provide a safe and caring environment for children in Benzie County.

In 2003, St. Philips Baby Pantry was established to address the needs of Benzie County families seeking support services that were not available in their communities.

Since serving 89 families in its first six months, the program has grown and now serves roughly 80 families every month.

Ronald McDonald House Charities seeks, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Since 1990, the Ronald McDonald

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House Charities of Outstate Michigan, which serves in 66 Michigan counties, has supported programs, projects and organizations that focus on the social, physical and emotional well-being of children.

This past year, RMHC of Outstate Michigan has donated

more than \$600,000 to children's programs, including \$50,000 donations to both the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan and the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan.

For more information please visit www.michiganrmhc.org or contact Lesa Dion at 616-669-0953.

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