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**LAKESHORE ETHNIC DIVERSITY ALLIANCE RECEIVES GRANT FROM
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

HOLLAND, Mich., Feb. 10, 2009 – Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Outstate Michigan announced that it will award a \$19,955 grant to the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA) for its Migrant Mentoring Program. To create social and educational experiences for the children of migrant farmers living in the Holland and Grand Haven areas, the program provides volunteer mentors for more than 70 school-aged children. In addition, the mentors gain a deeper understanding of the students' cultures as a result of the mentor-mentee relationship. The funds will be used to help expand the program.

This is the second grant that LEDA has received from RMHC. "We have seen LEDA make great strides in creating programs that reinforce the importance of diversity along the Lakeshore," says Lesa Dion, Executive Director of RMHC of Outstate Michigan, "The board was thrilled to support this mentoring program."

Ronald McDonald House Charities seeks, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Since 1990, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Outstate Michigan, which serves 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 Houses of Western and Mid-Michigan. For more information please visit www.michiganrmhc.org or contact Lesa Dion at 616-669-0953.

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