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**SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES RECEIVES GRANT FROM  
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

**Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 10, 2009** – Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Outstate Michigan announced that it will award a \$24,292 grant to Safe Haven Ministries – Ramoth House, allowing the organization to purchase additional beds, linens, mattresses and dressers, expanding its reach to 250 additional children. Safe Haven Ministries provides 30-day shelter for women and their children escaping abusive homes, and is the only multi-service organization in Michigan with a unique faith-based approach toward domestic violence.

Since inception in 1999, Safe Haven Ministries has served more than 4,000 women and children. “Members of the RMHC board visited the facility a few years ago and saw the need for expansion then,” says Lesa Dion, Executive Director of RMHC of Outstate Michigan, “We are glad to help them to continue their mission of eradicating domestic abuse in West Michigan”

Ronald McDonald House Charities seeks, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Since 1990, RMHC 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. In 2008, RMHC of Outstate Michigan donated nearly \$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](http://www.michiganrmhc.org) or contact Lesa Dion at 616-669-0953.

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