



Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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MVCTC FFA Raises \$7,000 for Ronald McDonald House

Clayton, Ohio – December 16, marked the 28th Annual Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) FFA Charity Auction for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of the Miami Valley Region. The auction is planned by the MVCTC FFA Chapter, which is made up of high school juniors and seniors from the 27 MVCTC partner districts. The FFA students are responsible for collecting all the donations that are auctioned for the Ronald McDonald House.

The event was started in 1981, by retired Ag Educator, Waid Lyons. The original auction was a hat auction, making \$250. This year the students were able to raise \$7,000, bringing the grand total of money raised over the last 28 years to \$140,000. MVCTC is proud to be the only High School in the Dayton area to make the largest donation from a one-day event to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region.

The proceeds from the event go directly to the local Ronald McDonald House on Valley Street in Dayton, Ohio so that families of hospitalized children have a place to rest, sustain their strength and be better able to support the healing of their child. RMHC is a modern, 14-room house offering all of the comforts of home to their guest families. They are open 7-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day, and 365 days-a-year.

The MVCTC charity event would not be possible without the support of several staff and alumni of the school. MVCTC Ag Technology instructor, Bill Hershberger, organizes the event with the assistance of the FFA members and Agriculture Education staff members, Larry Seibel (MVCTC Ag Supervisor), Roberta Hocker, Christy Blauvelt, Eva Brownlee, Mike Buchanan, Richard Fisher, Teannae Miller, Mike Mullen, Lindsay Risch, and Ryan Wulber. MVCTC retirees, Waid and Pat Lyons are back to help each year with the event they so lovingly started 27 years ago. MVCTC Ag Technology alumni Jon Carr (1979

graduate), Rick Bair (1985 graduate), and B.J. Joseph (1993 graduate) volunteer their auctioneer talents every year for the event.

For more information about MVCTC and the Agriculture Education programs offered for high school students, please visit www.mvctc.com/cosa.

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Photo: MVCTC FFA Officers and Advisors pose with Ronald McDonald during the 28th Annual MVCTC FFA Charity Auction for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region. Pictured left to right Lindsay Risch (advisor), Eva Brownlee (advisor), D.J. Gardner (Brookville), Justin Bowers (Preble Shawnee), Ronald McDonald, Alexandria Turpin (Wayne), Cody Gibson (Tri-County North), Laura Bricker (Tri-County North), and Alex Mitchell (Wayne).