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**SCHOLARSHIP INFO**

Happy autumn! The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts enjoyed a great summer, working to help area children lead happier, healthier and more productive lives. Learn more about recent initiatives below, or by visiting [www.rmhc-ctma.org](http://www.rmhc-ctma.org).

## RECORD FUNDRAISER

The support we receive from McDonald's and its customers is awe-inspiring! In August, McDonald's restaurants in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts held the 7th annual "Fill Ronald McDonald's Shoes" fundraiser, selling \$1 paper cutouts of Ronald McDonald shoes to benefit the local RMHC chapter. Customers were extraordinarily generous in donating to RMHC - to the tune **\$128,520!** That is the highest total EVER for this fundraiser!

RMHC extends its sincere appreciation to McDonald's and its customers for their continued support and partnership. We are committed to helping children throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you!



## RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

RMHC of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts is proud to support local non-profits that benefit children and recently granted over \$75,000 to seven deserving organizations.

- **Hartford Public Library** - \$7,695 to fund equipment for the Digital Teen Center, aimed at helping inner-city youth become more technologically skilled
- **Holy Family Home and Shelter, Willimantic** - \$2,300 for fencing around the shelter's playground and community garden area to improve safety
- **Lighthouse Voc-Ed, Groton** - \$5,000 to purchase occupational and physical therapy equipment for the special education school
- **The Miracle League of Greater Hartford, West Hartford** - \$25,000 for a ball field that accommodates all children, including those with physical and developmental challenges
- **Sacred Heart Education Center, Baltic** - \$12,000 for technology materials to be used by the tutoring center
- **St. Francis Hospital, Hartford** - \$15,716 to fund specialty equipment for pediatric health clinics that predominantly serves children from low-income families
- **Saint Martin de Porres Academy, New Haven** - \$7,360 for books and materials for the school's literacy program

## HOUSE UPDATES

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts is proud to support the local Ronald McDonald Houses in New Haven, Conn., and Springfield, Mass., through grants, quarterly donations and continuous collaboration.



### From the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut:

The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut thanks all our supporters who have helped us provide a 'home away from home' this summer. Funds from our golf tournament and upcoming Run for Ronald ensure families have a comfortable, caring environment as well as meals, transportation to medical appointments and daily necessities. Join us December 3-11 as we continue to raise awareness and support for families with our 22nd annual Trees of Hope Holiday Spectacular at the Maritime Center in New Haven. It's an incredible display of holiday cheer and fun for the entire family. Each tree, basket and table setting will be raffled to a lucky winner. To learn more, visit [www.rmhc-ct.org](http://www.rmhc-ct.org) or the [RMH Connecticut Facebook page](#).



### From the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield, Mass.:

The Ronald McDonald House of Springfield, Mass., extends a big thank you to all our very generous golf sponsors, players and volunteers! It is because of all of YOU that our 11th annual golf tournament was a big success. This year's tournament did see a little rain, but that never dampened the spirit! Our tournament grossed over \$56,000! Such funds are needed to continue our mission of providing a safe, secure and clean home away from home for the many families coming to Springfield seeking top notch medical care. Thank you all! To learn more about our House and our special events, please visit [www.ronmcdhouse.com](http://www.ronmcdhouse.com) or the [Ronald McDonald House of Springfield, Mass. Facebook page](#).



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