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The Children's Courtyard Raises Over \$86,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities®

Austin, Houston, Dallas-Forth Worth, March 8, 2011 – The Children's Courtyard, a leader in early education and child care throughout Texas, is pleased to announce that its family of schools has raised over \$86,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®). The money will support the organization's three core programs – the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® – locally and around the country.

More than 60 of The Children's Courtyard schools in Texas – along with some of its sister schools – hosted Fall Festival events throughout November to raise money for the non-profit organization. The community-based events were family-friendly and inspired the community to support the cause.

"Ronald McDonald House Charities is an organization committed to the health and well-being of children – a value that holds true to all of us at The Children's Courtyard," said Jodi Johnson, regional vice president for the company. "We are so proud of what our schools accomplished and truly appreciate our teachers, children and parents for helping make our Fall Festival events a great success."

Following the great response from their families during Fall Festival, the schools have continued their fundraising efforts for RMHC and have held a food drive and collected gift cards for their local Ronald McDonald House.

"Our volunteers and donors are what make Ronald McDonald House Charities possible," said Marty Coyne, President and CEO. "We are honored to welcome The Children's Courtyard to our family of donors and we thank them for their hard-work and efforts as we continue to support our programs in Texas and around the world."

About The Children's Courtyard

Founded in Arlington, Texas in 1986, The Children's Courtyard operates more than 60 early education and child care locations in the Austin, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas. With programs for infants through school-agers, The Children's Courtyard offers exciting and educational learning experiences through active exploration and discovery. Its innovative Lab Schools train and develop staff ensuring that each teacher helps promote a lifetime love of learning. For more information, please call Customer Support at (877) 624-2604 or visit www.childrenscourtyard.com.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Through its global network of local Chapters in 52 countries and regions, its three core programs, the Ronald McDonald House[®], Ronald McDonald Family Room[®] and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile[®], and millions of dollars in grants to support children's programs worldwide, RMHC provides stability and resources to families so they can get and keep their children healthy and happy. All RMHC-supported programs provide a bridge to quality health care and give children and families the time they need together to heal faster and cope better. For more information, visit www.rmhc.org, follow us on Twitter ([@RMHC](https://twitter.com/RMHC)), or like us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/RMHC Global](https://www.facebook.com/RMHCGlobal)).

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