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Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® offers health care on wheels

Mobile Health Vehicle Program Saved Families \$10 Million in Health Care Costs Last Year

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OAK BROOK, ILL. — For Carol, getting her two boys to the closest dentist – more than three hours from the family’s rural home in South Dakota – required a day off of work and a place to stay for the night. Adding to the financial burden, her car often broke down on the long drive. When Carol learned that the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® would be providing dental exams and treatment right in their hometown, she was overjoyed. Following a visit to the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, Carol’s sons Kirby and Bryce received x-rays and cleanings and left with toothbrushes and big smiles.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program, a fleet of state-of-the-art vehicles, acts as a bridge to accessible healthcare by delivering cost-effective medical, dental and health education services directly to underserved children in their own neighborhoods. In 2007, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile saved families \$10 million in health care costs.

Unlike most mobile clinics, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles are designed and built specifically as pediatric healthcare vehicles. Through a relationship with a clinical service provider in their community, local Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) Chapters develop and execute their respective Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs with clinical and educational services tailored to the specific needs of the local community.

Measuring 40-feet-long and eight-feet-wide, each Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is large enough to accommodate:

- a two patient examination room;
- a laboratory;
- a pharmacy;
- a reception area; and
- a medical records area.

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Services provided by the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile include:

- primary care, well-child visits and developmental screenings;
- restorative, diagnostic and preventive dental care and hygiene education;
- immunizations;
- asthma treatment and education;
- nutrition counseling;
- vision, hearing and lead screening;
- sports and school physicals;
- prenatal care for pregnant teens; and
- specialty care (such as cardiology and ear, nose and throat care).

“Our program greatly impacts the lives of each and every child and family that we serve,” said Toni Ellingson, a Nurse Practitioner who works with the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program affiliated with clinical service provider Rockford Memorial Health Care, “That can be for something as simple as a well child exam or dental exam, or as serious as an abscessed tooth or missing medication for asthma.”

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is one of three core programs offered by Ronald McDonald House Charities, a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) corporation, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Its programs are grassroots-driven to enable the Charity to offer help where children need it most - right in their own communities. RMHC makes an immediate, positive impact on children's lives through its global network of local Chapters in 52 countries and its three core programs: the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®. RMHC and its global network of local Chapters have awarded more than \$460 million in grants and program services to children's programs around the world. These programs and grants provide a bridge to accessible health care and allow families more time together which helps in the healing process. For more information, visit www.rmhc.org.

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