



## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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### **MVCTC FFA Raises over \$6,000 for Ronald McDonald House**

Clayton, Ohio – December 10, marked the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 199 high school juniors and seniors from the 27 MVCTC partner districts. The FFA students are responsible for collecting all the donations that are auctioned off 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 over \$6,000, bringing the grand total of money raised over the last 27 years to well over \$130,000. 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 our 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), Kathy Coppock, 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.

"Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region (RMHC) greatly appreciates the generosity and compassion of the staff, students and volunteers involved in MVCTC's Charity Auction," says Faith Tuss, public relations and events manager for RMHC. "It is clear that the auction teaches students a valuable lesson in community service as well as instills the true meaning of 'giving' to families in need. By conducting this enormous event, students are helping the Ronald McDonald House provide a home-away-from-home for families with children receiving treatment at a nearby hospital," Tuss explains. "It's all about keeping hospitalized children together with their families when they need it the most, and that's exactly what students are doing," she adds.

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

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Photo: MVCTC FFA Officers and Advisors pose with Ronald McDonald during the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual MVCTC FFA Charity Auction for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region. Pictured left to right Lindsay Risch (advisor), Alyse Soter (West Carrollton), Sara White (Brookville), Terry Bennett (Bethel), Ronald McDonald, Travis Hill (Arcanum), Danielle Berger (Versailles), Mike Mullen (advisor), and Jessica Hardy (Wayne).