



## Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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### **31<sup>st</sup> Annual MVCTC FFA Charity Auction Raises over \$8,000 for Ronald McDonald House**

**Clayton, Ohio** – This year marked the 31<sup>st</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, planned by the MVCTC FFA chapter, is made possible by the dedication and hard work of the FFA members, the MVCTC staff, retirees, and the wonderful alumni that return each year to support this great cause.

Retired MVCTC Ag Educator, Waid Lyons, started the event in 1980. The original auction was a hat auction, making \$250. This year the students were able to raise over \$8,000, bringing the grand total of money raised over the last 31 years to over \$150,000. 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 Center Of Science in Agriculture (COSA) staff members, Kevin Bergman, Christy Blauvelt, Eva Brownlee, Scott Judd, Lindsay Griffin, Roberta Hocker, Teannae

Miller, Mike Mullen, and Larry Seibel. MVCTC retirees, Waid and Pat Lyons are back to help each year with the event they so lovingly started 31 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 COSA programs offered for high school students, please visit [www.mvctc.com/cosa](http://www.mvctc.com/cosa).

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