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32nd Annual MVCTC FFA Charity Auction Raises over \$7,000 for Ronald McDonald House

Clayton, Ohio – This year marked the 32nd 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 \$7,000, bringing the grand total of money raised over the last 32 years to over \$140,000. 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 MVCTC staff members, Kevin Bergman, Christy Blauvelt, Eva Brownlee, Christa Nealeigh, 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 32 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.

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Photo: MVCTC FFA Officers working at the 32nd Annual FFA Charity Auction to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley. In the past 32 years, the MVCTC FFA Chapter has raised over \$140,000 for the local Ronald McDonald House. Pictured left to right – Back Row – Stephanie Myers (Bethel) and Maryanne King (Brookville). Front Row – Sara Dungan (Bethel) and Macy Dirksen (Versailles).