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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Kentuckiana Grants \$5,000 to Clark County Reading Program

Communities In Schools program provides books to local children in need

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. (September 26, 2016)—Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Kentuckiana (RMHCK), Communities In Schools (CIS) of Clark County had the opportunity to provide funding for their 3,2,1 Read and Bare Necessities programs, helping local students receive support they need to achieve.

The RMHCK grant program, funded by local McDonald's® Restaurants of Kentuckiana owner/operators, awards more than \$90,000 annually to local charities that are making an immediate, positive impact on children who need it most.

The CIS 3,2,1 Read program provides volunteer mentoring and reading intervention for struggling readers in grades 1-3. Each week, students are given a new book to read and add to their personal library. The CIS Bare Necessities program provides warm coats, lice shampoo and other basic need items to homeless and low-income youth in grades K-5.

RMHCK personnel and local McDonald's Restaurants of Kentuckiana owner/operators gathered on Monday, September 26 to present the books purchased for the CIS 3,2,1 Read program to students at Spring Hill Elementary in Jeffersonville, Indiana. CIS 3,2,1 Read program volunteers were also on site to read the new books to the students.

"As part of our mission to lend support to organizations who aid children, we are grateful to have the opportunity to help provide books and other essential items to local children in need," said Hal Hedley, RMHCK Executive Director.

"Supporting Communities In Schools is in line with our mission of the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home-away-from-home to families and children receiving healthcare at area medical facilities."

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Clark County is a nonprofit organization serving students throughout Clark County, Indiana. Communities In Schools is a nationwide network of passionate professionals working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. For the past 14 years, CIS of Clark County has served tens of thousands of students in the area, touching the lives of over 4,500 students at 21 schools during the 2015-2016 school year.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana

Since 1984, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana (RMHCK) has provided a "home away from home" for families of children being treated at area medical facilities. Support from area businesses, volunteers and individual donations enable RMHCK to provide families with Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at Frazier Rehab Institute, Norton Suburban Hospital and Kosair Children's Hospital. RMHCK also provides grants to local children's charities and scholarships to area students. Since its inception, RMHCK has served over 27,000 families in need. For more information, visit rmhc-kentuckiana.org, follow RMHCK on Twitter ([@RMHCKentuckiana](https://twitter.com/RMHCKentuckiana)), or like RMHCK on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RMHCKentuckiana).

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