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Mr. Rooter® Plumbing Announces \$50,000 in In-Kind Donations to RMHC®

Just a year after kicking off its national sponsorship *Mr. Rooter* Plumbing marks the milestone of giving \$50,000 in in-kind donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities®.

Mr. Rooter Plumbing franchisees and their teams donated plumbing and drain cleaning services, as well as volunteered their labor and time to Ronald McDonald Houses across North America. These contributions total \$54,530.73.

"We are delighted to help this wonderful charity keep its plumbing in good working order," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. "RMHC has helped some of our families, and it's nice to be able to give back to them."

And some give more than just their services. Two *Mr. Rooter* Plumbing franchise owners – John Maxwell in Johnson City, Tenn., and Jeff Cobabe in Sacramento, Calif. – sit on their local RMHC boards.

Other *Mr. Rooter* Plumbing teams – like the ones in Seattle and Santa Cruz, Calif. – take meals to their local House and volunteer on a weekly basis.

Ronald McDonald House Charities was established in memory of McDonald's founder and franchise icon Ray Kroc in 1984. The cornerstone program, the Ronald McDonald House®, provides a "home-away-from-home" so families can stay close by while their child gets the health care they need.

Funded by corporate donors and individual support, the charity's 305 Houses are located in 31 countries around the world.

"The first Ronald McDonald House became a reality when a community inspired by the belief that children shouldn't have to fight their illness alone worked together donating time, money and in-kind resources," said Marty Coyne, president and CEO, RMHC. "That same sentiment inspires *Mr. Rooter* and their tremendous franchisees who give of themselves and their services to ensure RMHC families have one less thing to worry about and can focus solely on the recovery of their precious child."

Along with its sister companies *Aire Serv*, *Glass Doctor*, *Mr. Appliance*, *Mr. Electric* and *The Grounds Guys*, *Mr. Rooter* Plumbing is continuing its sponsorship in 2011. For the second year in a row, they have committed \$100,000 to RMHC.

As part of the renewed sponsorship, franchise owners will continue to donate their services, labor and supplies.

About Mr. Rooter®:

Established in 1970, *Mr. Rooter* is an all-franchised, full-service plumbing and drain cleaning company with approximately 300 franchises worldwide. Recognized by Entrepreneur magazine among its "Franchise 500" and Franchise Times Top 200, *Mr. Rooter* franchisees provide services to both residential and commercial customers. *Mr. Rooter* began franchising in 1974 and is a subsidiary of The Dwyer Group, Inc. For more information or to find the location nearest you, please visit our Web site at www.mrrooter.com or www.mrrooter.ca.

About RMHC:

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Through its global network of local Chapters in 52 countries and regions, its three core programs, the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®, and millions of dollars in grants to support children's programs worldwide, RMHC provides stability and resources to families so they can get and keep their children healthy and happy. All RMHC-supported programs provide a bridge to quality health care and give children and families the time they need together to heal faster and cope better. For more information, visit www.rmhc.org, follow us on Twitter (@RMHC), or like us on Facebook (Facebook.com/RMHC Global).