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Collier Health Services, Inc. Honored with Kapnick Award



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In recognition of their groundwork efforts to establish the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ Program, Collier Health Services, Inc. (CHSI) received the esteemed Kapnick Award given by the Community Foundation at the Foundation's 2006 "Celebration of Philanthropy" luncheon and recognition event.

At the ceremony Richard Akin, CHSI President & CEO and Doris Blackburn, Chair of the CHSI Board of Directors accepted the award on behalf of the CHSI Board, Care Mobile Advisory Council, staff, volunteers, and donors who help make its many programs a success.

Each year the Community Foundation presents the Kapnick Award to one "outstanding Collier County nonprofit organization that demonstrates leadership, sound management and a commitment to achieving results." The award recognizes CHSI's initiative and ongoing supervision of the now thriving Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program. Under CHSI's management, over 5,000 children have benefited from services offered on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. It was the first program not affiliated with a hospital to receive a Care Mobile.

Naples Children and Education Foundation Makes Major Grant To Collier Health Services, Inc.

On Monday, April 24th at its Charitable Grant Presentation the Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF) made its largest single grant of \$1.2 million to Collier Health Services, Inc. (CHSI). The grant is divided into two parts. One million dollars is for the establishment of a dental clinic in East Naples, and \$200,000 is to maintain the "on-board" dental team on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM).

The grant for the dental clinic was determined to be of major importance to our community after a needs assessment, funded by NCEF and conducted by the University of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning, showed a substantial lack of children's dental care in eastern Collier County. The UF team was able to determine this lack, in part due to the empirical data collected by the Care Mobile team as it conducted almost 5,000 dental screenings in its first full year of operation. The new clinic, scheduled to open in the spring of 2007, will provide necessary dental care for under and uninsured children in our community.

The \$200,000 will fund the RMCM Program's "on-board" dental team which delivers dental treatment on the Care Mobile. It was determined through follow-up with the screened children that while some children could get to the existing dental clinics many could not. Therefore, the Care Mobile now takes treatment to children into areas such as Everglades City and the larger area of eastern Collier County.

The entire CHSI family extends its deep thanks and appreciation to NCEF for its strong support of these two major needs of the children of Collier County.

Dear Friends:

With our fiscal year just ending this is a good time to reflect on our successes and continued progress and to focus on future challenges. And what a most successful year it was, capped by major local recognition for our Care Mobile Program and for our 'parent,' Collier Health Services, Inc. (CHSI):



- CHSI received the coveted Harvey Kapnick Award from the Community Foundation for being the finest not-for-profit in Collier County in 2005;
- CHSI received the largest single grant (\$1.2 million) ever presented by the Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF);
- Ronald McDonald House Charities (Global) announced that our local Care Mobile program was the best in the world.

Most importantly, we touched the lives of nearly 5,000 disadvantaged children. We screened 3,500 children to identify those with medical and/or dental needs, connecting them to ongoing care, mostly with other CHSI offices. For example CHSI's two dental offices treated over 700 children referred from the Care Mobile this year, in addition to the 350 children provided preventive and restorative care in the past eight months on the care mobile unit by our new Care Mobile dental team.

We also administered school physicals to over 200 new students, and we connected over 100 children in need with quality eye care and paid for their full eye exam and eyeglasses.

Despite continuing progress, however, the unmet medical and dental health needs remain huge. For example, over 40% of children screened for growth and development were determined to be significantly overweight, thus being at a high risk of contracting diabetes. As a result, we are now screening many of those children for blood glucose and cholesterol to identify those with other 'markers' for potentially having diabetes.

We are making a difference in the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children. However, to continue our success and progress and to meet these challenges we need your continued support and your help in attracting additional supporters.

Best wishes,
Tom Schneider, Chair, RMCMP

2005 Major Donors and Collier Health Services, Inc. Honored

An evening celebration on January 24, 2006, honoring the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile's 2005 Major Donors and CHSI was hosted by Pat and Tom Schneider, Mollie and John Ottina and Barbara and Steve Teaford at the Teaford's home.

Special guests were Marty Coyne, COO, Ronald McDonald House Charities Global and Laurel Schumm, Global Manager of the Care Mobile Program, Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Among the Major Donors of the Care Mobile Program present were the Naples Children and Education Foundation, Community Foundation of Collier County, Island Country Club of Marco Island, League Club of Naples, and United Way of Collier County.



L to R: Steve and Barbara Teaford, Pat and Tom Schneider, Mollie and John Ottina



The Big Red Shoe, NCEF Trustees, and VIPs
L to R: Richard Akin, Ned Sachs, Laurel Schumm, Frank Hussey, Ann Bain and Tom Schneider

Testimonial from a Valued Community Partner

February 5, 2006

Editor, Daily News:

During the past year, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and Collier Health Services have worked together to ensure the health and well-being of hundreds of local children and families in need. We believe that all children should be able to grow up in a safe and decent home and receive basic medical care.

As someone who has seen firsthand the benefits of CHSI in our community, I'd like to congratulate Collier Health Services on receiving the Community Foundation's Harvey Kapnick award, which recognizes a distinguished non-profit for sound management and program excellence. The award recognizes the introduction and extraordinary success of the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

This much-needed mobile health care program provides vital health screenings, school physicals, dental care and health education to children who may otherwise go without health care. Habitat for Humanity provides those same children with a safe, decent home and a bed of their own, which most have never had.

Habitat would like to thank CHSI for providing our families with the medical care they deserve. The benefits of our partnership are clear to me each time I drive down the street of one of our Habitat neighborhoods and see healthy, happy children riding bikes or playing in their front yards. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile truly works in the spirit of Habitat's mission: To provide people with a hand up, not a hand out.

For more information about Collier Health Services and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, please visit www.collier.org or call 658-3066. To donate to Habitat for Humanity, please visit www.habitatcollier.org or call (239) 775-0036.

Mary Ann Durso

Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

Hope on Wheels Visits Screaming Eagles



College basketball fans and players had an opportunity to tour the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ on February 6 during the program's Hope on Wheels visit to Alico Arena. Before tip off, fans of the Eagles' men's and women's basketball teams peeked into the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile for a look at the amazing medical and dental unit. Care Mobile volunteers were on hand inside the arena to distribute information and collect donations. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program is grateful to FGCU and the Screaming Eagles for all their help and support!

Migrant Students See the Difference

The migrant student population at Immokalee High School is beginning to see things more clearly thanks to vision care provided by the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program. Working with home school liaisons, many migrant students at the high school received school physicals and 10 of them have been referred for eye exams and glasses. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program paid for the eye exams and glasses provided to these students.

Good vision is a vital component of learning, and vision screening is one of many screening services the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile provides to children across the county. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program is proud of the work it does to bring quality healthcare to schoolchildren of all ages.

"Pennies From The Heart Campaign" Again a Huge Success!



L to R: Brandon Lipman, D.J. Dakota Curry from B103.9, and Ronald McDonald

Throughout the month of February, McDonald's Restaurants, Fifth Third Bank branches and children in 14 area schools collected pennies and much more to benefit the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program.

Leading the way were the students of The Village School who collected over \$850! Following the counting of the pennies, the Care Mobile visited The Village School. Almost the whole student body toured the Care Mobile to see how their pennies were helping other children. The School has decided to continue the "Pennies From the Heart Campaign" as a community service project.

Donations were counted on March 4 by Fifth Third Bank personnel at the Park Shore McDonald's Restaurant for a total of \$25,000. In addition, a generous contribution made by Sue and Ken Murray, which matched the first \$20,000 raised, spirited the February 2006 "Pennies From the Heart" charity drive making the final amount collected in Collier County \$45,000!

The \$45,000 goes toward providing disadvantaged children in Collier County with critical medical and dental services through the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program. The annual event continues to generate awareness and helps the Care Mobile Program reach thousands of children in need.



In Gratitude

Without your support, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ Program would not be possible. In appreciation of your generous contributions to the Program, the Advisory Council has created this special “In Gratitude” section to showcase major donors.

Grants from the Community Foundation and United Way have significantly increased the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile’s ability to deliver critical medical and dental services to needy children in Collier County.



Community Foundation of Collier County

“The Community Foundation recognizes the extraordinary results that CHSI has achieved in building a concrete, sustainable program to support health care for low-income children in Collier County, a much-needed service to our community. The Foundation also recognizes the remarkable dedication the Board of Directors and the Ronald McDonald Advisory Council have shown in launching this ambitious program and overcoming the many hurdles encountered in starting up such a challenging endeavor. Their commitment has greatly contributed towards making Collier County a better place to live,” stated Mary George, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County.



United Way of Collier County

“The United Way likes to support organizations and programs that have a great community impact. The Care Mobile Program is a perfect example of this. It provides services with a measurable outcome to a large population of underserved children. The most impressive part of the program is that it goes to where the children are,” says United Way of Collier County Executive Director Ernie Bretzmann.

We Need Your Help!

The obvious need for access to medical and dental health care -- particularly for children -- is increasing. Since the inception of the Care Mobile Program, when we estimated that there were 12,000 uninsured children in Collier County, we now believe that this number exceeds **15,000**. Without a doubt this serious situation continues to grow, there are few additional resources to deal with the problem. Collier Health Services Inc. (CHSI) is the largest provider of health and dental services to children in Collier County. With the opening of the Neighborhood Health Clinic and Horizons Primary Care Clinic in Golden Gate, adults now have additional health care resources, but gaps in services remain for underserved children. CHSI and the Public Health Department are the only dental offices in the county that routinely accept Medicaid patients. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ Program is beginning to fill this gap in health care services to our most vulnerable residents -- our children.

Thousands of children in Collier County are going without appropriate medical and dental care, and often only see a doctor in the emergency room. The incidence of serious health problems such as diabetes, asthma and dental disease are high among these children and these problems often go untreated for far too long. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ Program will increase the number of patients served and improve the overall health of children in Collier County. Your support is greatly needed for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ Program - a 501(c)(3) initiative. For additional information call Ms. Lesa Peterson at (239) 658-3066 or return the enclosed envelope with your contribution. Thank you!

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