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**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA Check Presentation**



**Harrisburg, PA, May 30, 2013** – Representatives from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) and the Family and Children’s Services of Lebanon County (FCS), a fund of TFEC, presented a \$2,000 check to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA for The House that Love Built to cover nights of stay for families with sick or injured children being treated at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. One staff member described a situation in which a Lebanon County family was able to utilize the services provided by the House while their child was being cared for at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital:

*"Stacy and Christian stayed at the House for 83 nights while their premature daughter, Addison, was in the NICU at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. Their stay at the RMHC afforded them the opportunity to be close to their daughter and not have to travel 48 miles each day back and forth to their home in northern Lebanon County. If they had not had the House, they would have had to drive 3,984 miles to reach and support their infant daughter while she received critical care."*

In 2012, RMHC served 19 different families from Lebanon County who had sick or injured children being treated at Penn State Hershey Children’s Hospital. Some families from Lebanon County stayed for only one night, while some stayed for many more nights for a combined total of 180 night stays. The average night stay for these families was 9.5 nights with a range of 1 to 84 nights of lodging. The \$2,000 grant will help support 29 nights of lodging for Lebanon County families in 2013. For more information about the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA, please visit them on the web at [rmhc-centralpa.org/](http://rmhc-centralpa.org/).

*Pictured L to R: Jennifer Doyle, TFEC; Emily Williams, FCS Advisory Committee Member; Kelly Mehaffie, RMHC; Michael Landis, FCS Advisory Committee Member*

**ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is a community foundation which aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets while serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC, please visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org).