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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® AWARDS \$23,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

*Awards Celebration to Honor Students' Commitment to Education and Community Service;
Keynote Address by City Councilwoman and Education Committee Chair, Jannie Blackwell*

PHILADELPHIA, May 7, 2010 – Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC®) and the McDonald's® Owner/Operators of the Greater Philadelphia Region will recognize the accomplishments of 15 area high school seniors by awarding them RMHC/Scholars college scholarships. RMHC/Scholars is a local extension of a national program that recognizes high school seniors for their scholastic achievement and community service.

A panel of judges comprised of local college and university admissions professionals, community leaders, and McDonald's and RMHC representatives selected the winners from Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware (winners list follows).

The winning students will be recognized at the **RMHC/Scholars Awards Celebration, being held on Wednesday, May 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia.** Philadelphia City Councilwomen and Education Committee Chair Jannie Blackwell will deliver a keynote address to the students highlighting the importance of education and community service. Students' families, Ronald McDonald, McDonald's and RMHC representatives and community leaders will be in attendance.

Additional Information:

RMHC of the Philadelphia Region, Inc. grants hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to support non-profit programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Locally, RMHC supports the Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey and Delaware Ronald McDonald Houses, in addition to the St. Christopher's Foundation for Children Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and 13 Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in area hospitals. The charity receives its support from McDonald's Corporation, McDonald's Owner/Operators, corporate donors and McDonald's customers. For more information, visit www.rmhc.org.

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2010 RMHC Scholars Scholarship Recipients



Delaware

Jeffery Sullivan
Lake Forest High School
Felton, Del.

Philadelphia

Lena Ma
John W. Hallahan High School
Philadelphia

Kerri Harvay
George Washington High School
Philadelphia

Christopher Weidner
Father Judge High School
Philadelphia

New Jersey

Saya Lee
Absegami High School
Galloway, NJ

Matthew Bocchese
Sacred Heart High School
Vineland, NJ

Andrew Moran
Middle Township High School
Cape May Court House, NJ

Nicole Patel
Lawrence High School
Princeton, NJ

Ravin Gardner
Hamilton High School West
Hamilton, NJ

Pennsylvania Suburbs

Amanda Hofstaedter
Central Bucks High School
Chalfont, Pa.

Nicholas Maillet
Strath Haven High School
Swarthmore, Pa.

Samantha Rooney
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School
Lafayette Hill, Pa.

Jeong Hwa Kim
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School
Conshohocken, Pa.