

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Charitable Organizations

Docket No. ∞21 -98-16

File No. 16-98-08819

Central New York Ronald McDonald House, Inc., Respondent.

# CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations ("Bureau"), and Central New York Ronald McDonald House, Inc. ("Respondent"), stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

# **JURISDICTION**

- This matter is before the Secretary of the Commonwealth ("Secretary") pursuant to the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, as amended ("Act"), 10 P.S. §§ 162.1 et. seq.
- At all relevant and material times, Respondent acted as a charitable organization as 2. defined by the Act.
- At all relevant and material times, Respondent did not register as a charitable organization in Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or provide information that Respondent was exempt from registration under the Act.

# STIPULATED FACTS

- 4. Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:
- a. Respondent is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of New York.
- b. On or about October 25, 2010, Respondent submitted and received approval of its initial registration with the Pennsylvania Department of State's Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations (hereafter referred to as 'Bureau').
  - Respondent was assigned certificate number 39379.
- d. Respondent's 2010 registration with the Bureau expired on November 11, 2011.
- e. Respondent did not renew its registration with the Bureau following its expiration on November 11, 2011.
- f. On or about June 2, 2016, the Bureau received via US Mail a Newsletter Solicitation from Respondent.
- g. A true and correct copy of the Newsletter Solicitation is attached and incorporated as Exhibit A.
- h. Respondent was not registered with the Bureau at the time it mailed the Newsletter Solicitation referred to above or at any time since its registration expired in November 2011.
- i. On or about June 17, 2016, the Bureau's Special Investigations Unit ("SIU") sent Respondent a letter, via First Class and Certified mail, to inform Respondent of the registration requirements for Charitable Organizations soliciting in the

Commonwealth and further, request information regarding its solicitation activity between 2011 and 2016.

- j. A true and correct copy of the SIU Letter is attached and incorporated as Exhibit B.
- k. On or about July 13, 2016, Respondent contacted SIU by telephone regarding the June 17, 2016 letter, and further advised of its intention to submit the required registration materials.
- 1. Following the phone call, SIU sent Respondent instructions for completing the registration materials via email.
- m. Between July 14, 2016 to July 22, 2016, Respondent exchanged emails with
   SIU regarding the registration materials.
- n. A true and correct copy of the email exchange between Respondent and SIU is attached and incorporated as Exhibit C.
- o. On or about July 22, 2016, Respondent submitted registration materials to the Bureau.
- p. Respondent's registration was approved by the Bureau and is valid through November 15, 2017.
- q. A true and correct copy of Respondent's Registration Certificate is attached and incorporated as Exhibit D.
- r. On or about July 22, 2016, Respondent submitted to SIU the information requested in the June 17, 2016 lefter (see Exhibit B).

- s. Per the information provided by Respondent, the continued to solicit in Pennsylvania following the expiration of its registration on November 11, 2011 through July 22, 2016, when Respondent re-registered with the Bureau.
- t. A true and correct copy of the inforantion provided by Respondent in response to the June 17, 2016 letter is attached and incorporated as Exhibit E.
  - u. Respondent sent solicitations to Pennsylvania as follows:
    - In 2011, Respondent sent two hundred ninety-six (296) solicitations to Pennsylvania.
    - ii. In 2012 Respondent sent four hundred twenty (420) solicitations to Pennsylvania.
    - iii. In 2013 Respondent sent five hundred eighty-nine (589) solicitations to Pennsylvania.
    - iv. In 2014 Respondent sent six hundred seventeen (617) solicitations to Pennsylvania.
    - v. In 2015 Respondent sent five hundred forty (540) solicitations to Pennsylvania.
  - v. Respondent also received contributions from Pennsylvania while not registered, as follows:
    - i. \$30 in 2011,
    - ii. \$25,560 in 2012,
    - iii. \$745 in 2013,
    - iv. \$985 in 2015, and
    - v. \$1,140 in 2015.

w. Respondent's gross national contributions exceeded \$25,000 in each year from November 11, 2011 to July 22, 2016.

### AGREED VIOLATIONS

- 5. Respondent admits and agrees that by engaging in the aforementioned activities, Respondent committed violations of the Act as follows:
  - a. Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through actions that were not in accordance with Section 5(a), 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by repeatedly soliciting contributions in the absence of an approved registration from November 11, 2011 through July 22, 2016, specifically as follows:
    - i. Respondent failed to renew its registration following its November 11, 2011, and continued to solicit in the absence of an approved registration by sending 296 solicitations to Pennsylvania.
    - Respondent sent 420 solicitations to Pennsylvania in 2012 while unregistered.
    - iii. Respondent sent 589 solicitations to Pennsylvania in 2013 while unregistered.
    - iv. Respondent sent 617 solicitations to Pennsylvania in 2014 while unregistered.
    - v. Respondent sent 540 solicitations to Pennsylvania in 2015 while unregistered.

### PROPOSED ORDER

- 6. The participants, intending to be legally bound, consent to issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:
  - a. Respondent violated the Act at Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through actions that were not in accordance with Section 5(a), 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by repeatedly soliciting contributions in the absence of an approved registration from November 11, 2011 through July 22, 2016, specifically:
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# ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

7. An ADMINISTRATIVE FINE of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation
- a total of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) is levied upon Respondent.

- a. Respondent shall tender the full sum of two thousand five dollars (\$2,500.00), with this executed Consent Agreement.
- b. Payment shall be by certified check, cashier's check, attorney's check, or U.S. Postal money order.
- c. The instrument of payment shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and shall be valid for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days.
- d. Respondent agrees that payment will be made by one of the methods indicated in subparagraph (a) above and that payment by uncertified personal check, corporate check or cash will not be accepted.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- e. Respondent shall not be allowed to renew its registration with the Bureau until the administrative fine has been remitted in full.
- f. Should Respondent's registration expire prior to payment of the administrative fine Respondent shall CEASE and DESIST all manner of charitable solicitation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until it has fully complied with this Agreement and the Act.

### CASE SETTLED AND DISCONTINUED

8. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement and the Respondent's successful completion of the requirements of this Order. However, nothing in this Consent Agreement and Order shall preclude the Prosecuting Attorney for the Bureau from filing charges or the Secretary from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement and Order.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING

Respondent waives the filing of an Order to Show Cause in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and to the following rights related to the hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Bureau; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

# AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES

10. This Consent Agreement is between the Bureau and Respondent only. It does not bind any other administrative or governmental entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including any other bureau within the Department of State. Except as otherwise noted, this Agreement is to have no legal effect if (a) the Office of General Counsel expresses an objection to the Agreement's form or legality and/or (b) unless and until the Secretary issues the stipulated Order.

# EFFECT OF SECRETARY'S REJECTION

11. Should the Secretary not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Secretary shall not prejudice the Secretary from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Secretary does not approve this Consent Agreement.

### ENTIRE AGREEMENT

12. This Agreement contains the whole agreement between the parties; provided, however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of

reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever, concerning this Agreement.

### AGREEMENT DOES NOT PREVENT REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES

13. The parties acknowledge that other federal, state, and/or local agencies may have jurisdiction over the activities of, or representations made by, Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees or independent contractors. Nothing in this Consent Agreement or the Order based upon this Consent Agreement shall preclude representatives of the Bureau from referring any information or data produced as a result of this matter to any federal, state, or local agency or governmental unit having jurisdiction over the activities of Respondent or any officer, director, agent, employee or independent contractor of the Respondent:

### VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS

14. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Caroline A. Bailey Prosecuting Attorney Department of State

DATED: 1/17/2017

Central NY Ronald McDonald House, Inc.

By:

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Respondent DATED:

Counsel for Respondent

DATED: 1/0/17

Robert Baldwin



IN THE MATTER OF Central New York Ronald McDonald House, Inc. Docket No. 0021-98-16 File No. 16-98-08819

# **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of 1000 2017, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and the terms set forth in paragraph 7 are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as the Order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, now issued in resolution of this matter.

THIS ORDER shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER:

Pedro A. Cortés

Secretary of the Commonwealth

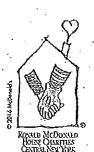
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For the Commonwealth:

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For Respondent:

Baldwin & Sutphen, LLP. Attn: Robert F. Baldwin 126 North Salina St, Suite 320 Syracuse, NY 13202-1050



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### 14th Annual Many Hearts One Home Celebration

In the fall we held our 14th Annual Many Hearts One Home Celebration at the SRC Arena and Events Center of Onondago Community College, Nearly 350 guests helped raise \$109,000 to support our ongoing operations. Guests enjoyed live and silent auctions, a photo booth, cocktails; hars d'assuvres, food stations and a special oppearance by Ronald McDonald himself.

We celebrated and honored the Regional Perinaial Center for its dedication and ongoing commitment to our organization, Together, our two organizations help women who travel to Syracuse for specialized prenatal care,

A special thankyou to our honorary event chairs, Margaret and Rick Shirtz, event emcees 93Q's Ted long and Amy Robbins, and auctioneer Ilm Kirby, Additional thanks to our event sponsors: NBY Bank, Raymour & Flanigan Furniture, Neonatal Associates of CNY, Galaxy Communications, IAG Environmental, Crouse Hospital, East Syrocuse Chevrolet, CNY Cosmetic & Reconstructive Surgery, Son's Bakery and Caryn and Bob Galusha.



# Finding a Home at the CNY Ronald McDonald House

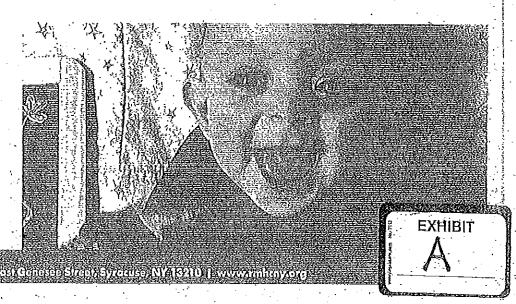
Dana Jerzak, an ultrosound technologist from Sauquott, New York, was four months pregnant with her second child when she discovered a cyst on the abdomen of her unborn baby. Her pregnancy was classified as high risk and Dana was referred to the Regional Perinatal Center of Crouse Hospital. In addition, it was suspected that her boby also had biliary airesia, a rare and life-threatening disease related to abnormal development of an infant's bile ducts.

On Oct. 2, 2015, Dana gove birth to a son, Gavin, who was immediately placed in the neanatel Intensive care unit for testing where the diagnosts was confirmed. While Gavin was in the NICU, Dana and her husband, Fred, and 2-year-old doughter, Gracie, found a home of the CNY Ronald McDonald House. During their stay, Dana and Fred wanted to keep life as normal as possible for Gracie. The House helped to relieve the stress of preparing meals, or coordinating playtime or naptime for Gracie while her brother was nearby in the hospital.



"When I was referred to the CNY Ronald McDonald House, I didn't know what to expect, but I kept on open mind," said Dana. "All I knew was that I needed to be with my son, but I also needed to be with my daughter and husband. Thankfully, the House provided us all with a 'sense of home' while we were in Syracuse."

After a two-week stay with us, the Jerzaks traveled to the Boston Children's Hospital to seek further treatment for Gavin. At just 3 weeks old, Gavin underwent a 10 hour surgery. Unfortunately, the procedure was unsuccessful, and Gavin will need a liver transplant. While they wait for a match for Gavin, the terzaks travel each month to see a pediatric gastroenterologist in Syracuse, where they will always have a "home away from home" at the CNY Ronald McDonald House. Despite his challenges, Gavin is a happy and beautiful baby.



-from the Director

As an organization, we are serving more guest families each year and increasing our occupancy. Last year alone we saw a 16 percent increase in the number of siblings of patients who stayed with us and a 14 percent increase in the number of adult family members, it



of adult family members, like grandparents, staying with us. Most importantly, we continued to make a "home away from honse" offordable and accessible to families facing the unimaginable.

With more families to serve, there is a higher demand for community support. We're fortunate to have so many individuals, families, student groups, businesses, community organizations and clubs volunteer at our House and support us throughout the year. Your time and dedication help us save approximately \$100,700 annually, and our House is stronger when we all work together to provide a "home away from home" for guest families.

This year, we want to build on that strength and share with the community some of the great things we're doing together for families in need.

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It's a great way to connect more people with the work we do and the impact you have in making it possible.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. We would not be able operate our House and continue to put smiles on the laces of the families who stay with us without you. We are so grateful for your unwavering commitment to keeping families exactly where they belong... Together.

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Beth Trunfio Executive Director

# Thank You

Thank you to all the individuals and groups who continue to dedicate their time and tolents to roising money for "The House That Love Built."

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Centro - Employee Collection	\$1,003.00
Cortland City School District - Smith School Student Council Holiday Hat Day Fundraiser	\$102,36
D&S Professional Services - Golf Tournament	\$744.00
Empower Federal Credit Union - Employeë Jeans Day	\$745,00
First Niagora Bank - Employee Jeans Day	\$195.00
F.W. Webb Company - Employee Jeans Doy and Polluck Lunch	\$185.00
Insomnia Cookies - Syrocuse Remembrance Week Fundraiser	\$121.63
Oswego Speedway - Racing for Ronald McDonald House	\$2,000.00
RetroGameCon - Bosket Raffle	\$1,195.00
Rome City School District - "Ole Christmas Tree* Fundraiser	\$495.86
Sondra and Anthony Spino-"Wings to Remember" Card Sets in Memory of Joson Spina	\$500,00
St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church - Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange	\$466,43
St. Rose of Lima School - Dress down Day	\$120.00
Wali's HobbyTown - 28th Annual Billy Leader Memorial Race	\$3,200.00
Westmoreland Central Schools - Middle School Student Council Fundralser	\$246.56



Billy Leader Memorial Roce

External fundraisers, both big and small, are a tremendous source of support for the CNY Ronald McDanald House every year, and they can be very easy to coordinate. Thinking of supporting the CNY Ronald McDanald House by holding a dress-down day at work, selling up a bake sale in your neighborhood with the kids or going on a bowling outing with your co-workers? Visit our website and fill out a host application form, and we will help you get storted on your own eyent.

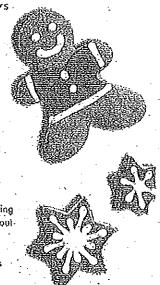
Donations made from Sept. 9, 2015, through March 7, 2016

# "A Home Away From Home" for the Holidays

Community support during the holiday season helps take pressure off of the parents and families who stay at our House and do not have time to prepare or shop: We extend a very special thankyou to everyone who donated or volunteered and helped make the holidays special for our guest families.

Our triends from the Russian Baptist Church spent an ofternoon making cookies and crafts with our guest families, Families, also had the opportunity to visit with Sonto Claus and listen to Christmas corols. A team of medical students from OCM BOCES helped decorate our Christmas tree and bake cookies for our families to enjoy.

The office team from the United States Military Entrance Processing Station in Syracuse collected children's toys and games throughout the holiday season and donated them to our House, Laura and Ron Aldrich from the Thumbstall Quilt Guild in Marcellus, New York, donated more than 60 beautiful handmade stockings to our organization.

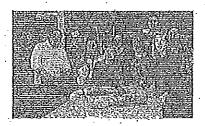


# McDonald's Support

In December, McDonald's restaurant locations throughout Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania hosted a snowflake campaign to support our guest families. The support from customers was overwhelming, and each paper snowflake-sold contributed to a total of \$80,000 taised for our organization.

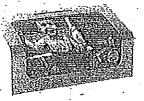
A special thank-you to Michael Bock, McDonald's operations manager, who visited the House with a group of store managers and a team from the McLoughlin organization to cook dinner and to donate wish list items.

McDonald's often has dedicated groups of sentor citizens who enjoy socializing at their local restaurants. When Duane "Dewey" Ray, a loyal customer, passed away recently, Courtney and Michael Feehan, McDonald's operators, wanted to after their condolences and support to his family. In honor of Ray, the Feehans and their employees brought his wife, Elsie Roy, daughter, Susan, and granddaughter, Molly, to our House to bake cookles, meet with guest families and tour our home.



# Donate Your Vehicle

Vehicle donations help us keep families together when they need it most. Through the program, we'll help you with the paper work before picking up your cor, truck, RY or boat free of charge and sell it at the nearest auction lacation. The proceeds will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY, and you may qualify for a sizable tax deduction. Visit One Cartlelps RMHC. com to learn more.



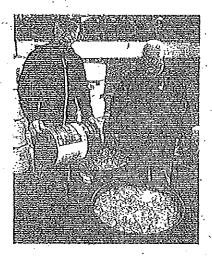
### Remember Our Donation Boxes

Whether you're driving through at dining in, please remember our charitable donation boxes at your local McDonald's. Your spare change directly supports the children and families of Ronald McDonald House Charities. The boxes are one of the lorgest fundralisers each year for our local organization.



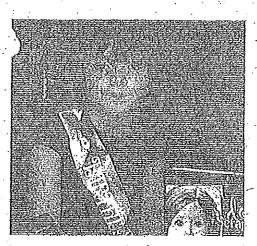
### Youth Advisory Board

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY Youth Advisory Board creates projects that educate young people about the value of philanthropy and volunteerism in the community. Made up of focal high school students, the board plans and conducts fundraising eyents, community events and volunteer activities that raise awareness and funds for our organization. Most recently, the group coordinated a Super Bowl Sunday party complete with plzza, chicken wings, cookies and snacks for our guest families.



### Pop Tab Collections

Our organization collects aluminum pop tobs year-round, and the recycling of these tobs is an angoing source of financial support for us. Recycling pop tobs is an easy way to help others and is something people of all ages can do. Gary Taylor, of Yestal, New York, and Richard Goodnough, of Endwell, New York, recently filled on entire trailer with poptabs and delivered them to our House.



# A Special Birthday Visit

The Hronek family, of Johnson City, New York, was introduced to our organization in 2008 when Brittany, then 4' years old, was diagnosed with HLH, hemophagocytle lymphohisticcytosis, and needed a place to stay near Upstole Golisano Children's Hospital. Four years later, Brittany received a second diagnosis, Hodgkin lymphoma. Once again, the family found themselves at our "home away from home," this time staying in our extended stay suite for several weeks while Brittany received daily radiation treatment.

Today, Brittany continues on her road to recovery and returns to our House with her mother, Leanne, whenever she is in Syracuse for a follow-up appointment. When Brittany last visited us in the fall, we surprised her with a party for her 12th birthday.

# Leave a Legacy

Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY has helped keep thousands of stek children and their families together when they need it most, We provide stability and vital resources to families through programs focused on family-contered care, and at our House, parents find strength from our stoff, volunteers and other families. But, just as our families need on army of support, we do too to continue to make it happen.

With your big heart and a little planning, you can help us bring hope to sick children and their families for years to come. For more information on leaving a legacy, or to start planning, please visit rinkepghome.org/cny.

# 2016 Board of Directors

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# Save the Date

ON ANNUAL ARTIE'S PARTY AT SYRAGUSE NATIONALS Friday, July 15 - Sunday, luly.17, 2016. New York State Foirgrounds Syracuse, New York

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Thorsday, July 28, 2016 CNY Ronald McDanald House Syractise, New York

13<sup>III</sup> ANNUAL RMHC OF CNY GOLF INVITATIONAL Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 Tuining Stone Resort Casino Yerona, New York

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for more information about. upcoming events, visit minchy.org

For licket, advertising and sponsorship information on any of the above events, confact Kristen Duda at 315-476-1027 or kdudu@rmheny.org.

### 8th Annual Bella Casa Fashion Show :

Thank you to all who attended the 8th Annual Bello Casa Fashion Show and helped make the event a success! \$52,700 was raised while guests enjoyed shopping, raffles, hors d'ocuvres, food stalions and the main event, a fashlan show. The fashlons were provided by local clothing boutiques Giovanni's Tuxedos, Indie Kids, Jet Black, Koolakian Mensweds, Manny's, Mr. Shop, Showolls Boulique, Spyboby Boulique and The Changing Room.

A blg thank-you to our event sponsors: Corrier Corp., Summit Cars, Pediotric Cordiology Associates, Notlonal Grid, Entergy - James A. FitzPalrick Nuclear Power Plant, Welch Allyn, Wegmans, Syracuse Oral & Maxillolocial Surgery, Syracuse Woman Magazine, 93Q and CNY Central Media Group including NBC3, CB\$5, CW6 and CNYCentral.com. Additional thanks to our photographers, Paul Viggiano and Rick Policastro, and to our emcee, Molly Matolt.





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Community Volunteers

Thonk you to all of the local schools, churches and community groups who continue to support the CNY Ronald McDonald House, including Double H Ranch. Through Its Comp On The Go Hospital Outreach Program, the organization aims to improve the quality of life for children and families in the hospital or a medical based selling by bringing the magic of comp to them. Last fall, the organization stapped by our House for a visit and coordinated crafts for the kids. A special thank-you to Scott Lifolo, hospital outreach coordinator, viho always makes sure his team has time to stop by our House whenever they are in the area.

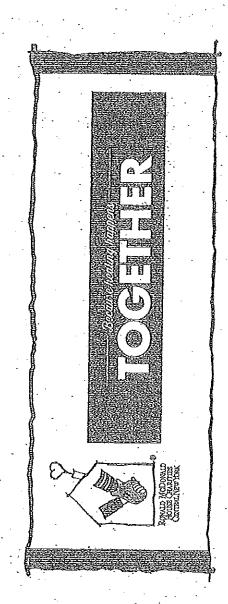


# HARE-A-NICHT

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York provides a 25 guest bedroom, fully accessible "home away from home" for families whose children are hospitalized with serious illness or injuries. Our guests find home-cooked meals, a comfortable room and the support of other families who share in their concerns. All this for just \$25 per night!

Please join our SHARE-A-NIGHT program to help keep families together.

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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York
1100 EAST GENESEE STREET
SYRACUSE, NY 13210

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# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION OF CHARITIES INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS NORTH OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 212 HARRISBURG, PA 17120-0103 717.787.0700 800,732.0999 (Wilhin PA)

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL #9171 9690 0935 0108 1491 03 AND FIRST CLASS US MAIL

June 17, 2016

Beth Trunfio, Executive Director Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York 1100 East Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13210

Re: 2016-98-0010

Dear Ms. Trunfio:

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation (Bureau) has received information indicating that your organization is currently soliciting charitable contributions in Pennsylvania with an expired charitable organization registration. Pennsylvania's Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act (Act), 10 P.S. § 162.1 et seq., requires charitable organizations soliciting contributions in Pennsylvania to register with the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations unless they are specifically excluded or exempt from the Act's requirements. According to our records, your organization's most recent registration expired November 11, 2011, and has not been renewed.

Accordingly, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter, please complete and return a registration packet for your organization's most recently completed fiscal year so that your organization can become properly registered or provide the Bureau with evidence that your organization is either excluded or exempt from the Act's registration requirements. Additional information about Pennsylvania's charitable organization registration requirements, as well as registration forms, is available on the Bureau's website at www.dos.pa.gov under the Charities section.

If your organization is required to register, the following information must be submitted to the Bureau along with your organization's registration materials:

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- 1. The total number of solicitations Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York has sent into Pennsylvania, broken down by year, from November 12, 2011 to the present; and
- 2. The total amount of contributions (both cash and non-cash) your organization has received from Pennsylvania donors, broken down by year, from November 12, 2011 to the present.

Please send all registration documents, and the information requested above in Items 1 and 2, to: Department of State, Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation, Attn. Special Investigator Steven Uhlrich, Room 212, North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0103.

If you do not return the appropriate registration documents, or provide evidence that your organization is excluded or exempt within 30 days, a Cease and Desist Order may be issued ordering your organization to immediately stop all fundraising activities in Pennsylvania. Because Section 17(b)(3) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.17(b)(3), authorizes the Bureau to impose fines of up to \$1,000 per violation and additional penalties of up to \$100 per day, it is suggested that you give this matter your prompt attention.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 717,787.0708, or via email at: suhlrich@pa.gov.

I look forward to your prompt cooperation and thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Uhhich, CFE Special Investigator

### Uhlrich, Steven

From:

Uhlrich, Steven

Sent:

Friday, July 22, 2016 11:27

To: Subject: 'Rose McGevna' RE: Bylaws

Rose,

Thank you for sending the by-laws. Your registration has been approved. A registration certificate is being mailed to your organization and you should receive it in the next couple days. Thank you for all your help.

Steve

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@rmhcny.org]

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 08:56

To: Uhlrich, Steven <suhlrich@pa.gov>

Subject: Bylaws

Thank you Steven. Please find enclosed our most current bylaws.

Rose McGevna
Business Manager
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315-476-1027 ext. 103
rmcgevna@rmhcny.org
www.rmhcny.org

From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrlch@pa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:42 PM

To: Rose McGeyna

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Its listed under "Additional filings." Normally, it is only submitted when a charity registers for the first time. You may have sent a copy when your organization registered for the first time back in 2009. After your 2009, registration expired and was not renewed after a number of years, your organization's hard copy file was purged and sent to archives. I won't know if your file contains the by-laws unless I order the file returned to me from archives, if it has not yet been destroyed. If you have a copy handy and can email it, we can scan it in with the rest of your materials and approve the registration. If it's not readily available, I can see if your old file is still in archives, and I can ask the registration folks about not holding up your approval.

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@rmhcny.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 16:18

To: Uhlrich, Steven < suhlrich@pa.gov>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Hi Steven,

I don't see by-laws on the check list. Is it a required document? thanks.



Rose,

I received your registration materials today: It is being processed now. I'll let you know as soon as I hear something.

Are you also going to provide the information I requested in my letter regarding your organization's solicitation activity in PA since November 12, 2011 to the present?

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From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@rmhcny:org]

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 14:00 To: Uhlrich, Steven <<u>suhlrich@pa.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Thanks Steven,

Should I use the address for the check as well?

From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa,gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 1:58 PM

To: Rose McGevna

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Please mail the documents to me at the address below.

If the registration is for fiscal year 12/31/15, it would be good until November 2017. You'll get a registration certificate in the mail containing the expiration date once the registration is processed and approved.

Steven L. Uhlrich, CFB
PA Department of State
Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation
Room 212, North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmegevna@rmheny.org]

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 13:43 To: Uhlrich, Steven <<u>suhlrich@pa.goy</u>>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions questions

Steven,

I have got everything ready. Should I use the mailing address on BCO-10? 207 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120?

Until when is 2015 registration good for after it is approved?

Thanksl

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From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:02 PM

To: Rose McGevna

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Rose.

The registration materials are in order. The only issue is that we don't have available a copy of your organization's by-laws. Would you happen to have a copy readily available that you could email to me?

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@rmhcny.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 15:01 To: Uhlrich, Steven <<u>suhlrich@pa.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Hi Steven,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

There is a sheet showing the annual number of solicitations in the packet. The attached file has a little bit more details. Please let me know if it works.

Thanks,

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From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:44 PM

To: Rose McGeyna,

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

### Rose

From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 10:36 AM

To: Rose McGevna

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

### Rose,

1. Late filing fees stand at \$600. You can combine that with your registration fee into one check, made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2.1 won't know your organization's fiscal year end date. It should be on the cover sheet of your financial statements and on your IRS Form 990. Your organization's last registration with us in 2011 indicated a fiscal year end date of 12/31, but you should check with your accountant to be sure.

Steve

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@nnhcny.org]

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 12:09 To: Uhlrich, Steven <<u>suhlrich@pa.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Hi Steven,

We are wrapping up the packet.

1. How much is the penalty if we send it out today or tomorrow?

2. Is the Fiscal Year ended on page 1 11/11/2015?

Thanks.

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From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:35 AM

To: Rose McGevna

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

The registration folks indicated that in response to Questions 25A, B, and C on the BCO-10, you can indicate that the board is in charge of solicitation activities, responsible for custody of contributions, and responsible for final distribution of contributions.

From: Rose McGevna [mailto:rmcgevna@rmhcny.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 15:24

To: Uhlrich, Steven < suhirich@pa.gov>

Subject: RE: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions-questions

Hi Stéven,

Thank you very much for send me the instructions.

I have a few questions about the form:

- 1. Regarding the signed 990, is photocopy acceptable? The original was sent to IRS.
- 2. What is our certificate number?
- 3. When was the first time we registered?
- 4. How often do we need to register?
- 5. Question 25 A and B, all the contributions are distributed through budget process and approved by the board. There is no specific individual who has final responsibility for the custody of contributions. What should be filled in?
- 6. On the checklist, what financial statements applicable to us? We file 990 to IRS,

Thank you,

Rose

From: Uhlrich, Steven [mailto:suhlrich@pa.gov] Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 12:00 PM

To: Rose McGevna

Subject: PA Charitable Organization Registration Instructions

Ms. McGeyna,

Attached please find the instruction sheet for completing your organization's registration materials. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Uhlrich, CFE | Special Investigator II
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# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



# Department of State Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations

# Certificate of Registration

No. 39379.

This is to certify that Central New York Ronald McDonald House, Inc. is registered as a Charitable Organization with the Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations under The Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, 10 P.S. § 162.1 et seq., and is authorized to solicit charitable contributions under the conditions and limitations set forth under the Act.

This certificate is not to be used as identification, nor does it constitute an endorsement.

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

EXPIRATION DATE & AUTOMATIC EXTENSION: 11/15/2017



Year	Amount
2011 total	30.00
2012 total	25,560.00
2013 total	745.00
2014 total	985.00
2015 total	1,140.00
2016 total	300.00
grand total	28,760.00

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# Solicitations Sent to Pennsylvania 11/12/2011-07/18/2016

Year	Number of Solicitations	
2011 total	296	
2012 total	420	
2013 total	589	
2014 total	617	
2015 total	540	
2016 total	118	
grand total	2580	

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Publication	PA Addresses Mailed
2011 Fall Newsletter	146
2011 Friendship Fund	150
2012 Spring Newsletter	140
2012 Fall Newsletter	140
2012 Friendship Newsletter	140
2013 Spring Newsletter	195
2013 Fall Newsletter	197
2013 Friendship Newsletter	197
2014 Spring Newsletter	197
2014 Fall Newsletter	210
2014 Friendship Newsletter	210
2015 Spring Newsletter	211
2015 Fall Newsletter	211
2015 Friendship Newsletter	118
2016 Spring Newsletter	118