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Carrot Top to Help Pass out Gifts at the Ronald McDonald House® Christmas Party

3:30 - 5:30 PM: Unique photo opportunity with Carrot Top, “Santa,” and the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) of Greater Las Vegas

Who: Carrot Top & Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Greater Las Vegas

What: Ronald McDonald House Christmas Party

When: 3:00 – 6:00 PM, Sunday, December 17, 2006

Where: The Ronald McDonald House
2323 Potosi St., Las Vegas, NV 89146
(Off Sahara just west of Decatur, behind the Las Vegas Athletic Club)

Las Vegas, 2006 – Carrot Top will make a special guest appearance at the Ronald McDonald House Christmas Party to make a donation and help pass out gifts to children and families.

“We’re thrilled that Carrot Top is able to take some time out of his busy schedule this holiday season to help put a smile on the faces of our children,” says Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director of RMHC of Greater Las Vegas. “This time of year can be especially difficult for children and families receiving treatment for illness, trauma, premature birth, cancer or open heart surgery at local hospitals – especially when they’re away from home.”

Carrot Top has been a loyal donor to RMHC of Greater Las Vegas. In 2004, he made a \$55,000 donation and one of the House’s twelve rooms was dedicated in his name. In November of 2002, Carrot Top served hamburgers and fries at a local McDonald’s to raise money for RMHC during the first World Children’s Day. He also makes regular donations from proceeds off of his local comedy shows.

After many years of playing theatres, performing arts centers, fairs, clubs and casinos across the country, Carrot Top appears regularly at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. He was just recognized by *Vegas Essential* magazine as the "Best Show in Las Vegas." The July issue of *Nevada Magazine* named Carrot Top as Nevada's Best Comedian. This was the result of a reader poll conducted by the magazine. It's the fifth time in the past six years that he has been so recognized.

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Carrot Top's support of RMHC is inspired by a personal friend of his who stayed at a Ronald McDonald House. His enthusiasm for the charity stems from the care his friend received during their stay.

RMHC of Greater Las Vegas is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization that provides temporary housing for families who travel to Las Vegas to receive medical treatment for their children. Since 1974, Ronald McDonald Houses around the world have been providing a comfortable, supportive environment where families can sleep, eat, relax, and find support from families in similar situations.

RMHC also works to better the lives of children and their families in Southern Nevada by creating, seeking out and supporting programs that directly improve the health, education and well being of children. Through grants, scholarships and community outreach projects, RMHC helps thousands of children every year.

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