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\$229,200 in Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Seniors

Las Vegas, May 2008 – Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) of Greater Las Vegas, McDonald's, The Public Education Foundation (PEF), and local community partners are proud to announce the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program recipients for 2008.

Seventy eight high school seniors from Clark and Nye County schools have been chosen to receive various scholarships offered through the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program. A total amount of \$229,200.00 will be awarded in 2008 on behalf of RMHC, McDonald's, and local community partners.

“This program allows us the opportunity to say to these young adults, ‘we believe in you and your future,’” says Sarah Crichlow, Director of Program Services for RMHC of Greater Las Vegas. “We know that a number of these students wouldn't have the chance to go to college if it weren't for the support they're receiving from these scholarships.”

The RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program has awarded over \$1.6 million in scholarships to high school seniors in Clark and Nye counties since it began in 1999. RMHC Global offers matching grant money to any local RMHC chapter that chooses to participate in the Program, and each chapter is responsible for raising their portion of the scholarship funds, selecting recipients, and administering the Program.

Locally, the Las Vegas Review Journal and McDonald's Owner/Operators of Greater Las Vegas help support the Program by contributing a portion of every Review Journal newspaper sold at McDonald's restaurants. The PEF helps administer the Program, and RMHC of Greater Las Vegas has also partnered with several local community organizations in an effort to offer a wider scope of scholarship opportunities. These partners have contributed over \$86,000.00 towards the Program:

- 100 Black Men of Las Vegas
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Boricua Association
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Frederick Douglass Educational Fund
- Hispanic Educators Association of Nevada
- Ilocano America Association of Nevada
- The Links
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- United Fire Fighters of Southern Nevada

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Scholarship recipients are chosen based on financial need, background, academic achievements, community involvement and future career goals. A committee made up of McDonald's Owner/Operators, RMHC of Greater Las Vegas board members, and diverse community leaders review and score the applications and make final recommendations to the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Board of Trustees.

Scholarship recipients must attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the fall immediately following their high school graduation, and scholarship funds can only be used for tuition, room and board, and books and supplies. All applicants must be a high school senior in Clark or Nye county, have a minimum un-weighted cumulative GPA of 2.5, and submit a complete application with all required documents. Applications are available in December of each year through local high school counseling offices, and online at www.rmhlv.com.

About RMHC of Greater Las Vegas:

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, and also supports programs that directly benefit children and families in the Las Vegas area through community outreach projects, grants and scholarships.

About The Public Education Foundation:

Launched in 1991, The Public Education Foundation mobilizes community resources to support and impact public education in Southern Nevada through projects and initiatives designed to improve student performance and advance quality educational opportunities for all children.

RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Recipients 2008:

Melissa Bacon <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Francesco Canuglia <i>Las Vegas Academy</i>	\$2,000.00
Gabrielle Bahman <i>Del Sol High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Adler Chang <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Arthur Baker <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$1,000.00	James Chapman <i>Pahrump Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Jaimar Bell <i>Cheyenne High School</i>	\$1,520.00	Hans Chui <i>Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Mellecha Blake <i>Chaparral High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Cierra Coleman <i>Cheyenne High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Selina Brown <i>Centennial High School</i>	\$12,270.00	Ricardo Cordoba <i>Palo Verde High School</i>	\$2,000.00

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Houston Costa <i>Moapa Valley High School</i>	\$6,750.00	Chelsea Hopkins <i>Mojave High School</i>	\$3,750.00
Ria Daniels <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$10,765.00	Natasha Hopkins <i>Centennial High School</i>	\$5,300.00
Camille De Jesus <i>Bishop Gorman High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Nicole Huckaby <i>Las Vegas High School</i>	\$4,020.00
Nicole De Vera <i>Sierra Vista High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Michael Hughes <i>Las Vegas High School</i>	\$1,000.00
Tyler Jenee Dean <i>Del Sol High School</i>	\$4,500.00	Juan Izquierdo <i>Western High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Damina Deas <i>Legacy High School</i>	\$3,500.00	Douglas Jr. Johnson <i>Calvary Chapel Christian School</i>	\$7,500.00
Armando Del Rayo Dorantes <i>Spring Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Melissa Kehoe <i>Boulder City High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Ben Del Rosario <i>Clark High School</i>	\$3,000.00	Diamond Knazze-Jackson <i>Burk High School</i>	\$500.00
Christina Della Iacano <i>Spring Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Loan Lam <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Deena Dittman <i>Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Marta Landers <i>College of Southern Nevada High School East</i>	\$2,000.00
Johnny Dominguez <i>Southeast Career & Technology Academy</i>	\$2,000.00	Nicollette Lewis <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Stephany Echeverria <i>Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Johnny Lopez <i>Southeast Career & Technology Academy</i>	\$2,000.00
Brittany Edwards <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$1,520.00	Brooke Luna <i>Sierra Vista High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Raven Ennis <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$3,750.00	Christian Luna <i>Cheyenne High School</i>	\$3,000.00
Mauricio Espino <i>Western High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Melanie Mathis <i>Durango High School</i>	\$18,015.00
Christopher Eubank <i>Spring Valley High School</i>	\$1,520.00	Deshaunda Means <i>Desert Pines High School</i>	\$1,520.00
Shauntavia Gantt <i>Shadow Ridge High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Janelle Millender <i>Bonanza High School</i>	\$1,800.00
Esmerelda Gonzalez <i>Las Vegas High School</i>	\$1,000.00	Wastina Miressa <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Stephanie Halm <i>Las Vegas High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Isreal Navarrette <i>Cheyenne High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Mykel Hicks <i>Western High School</i>	\$1,800.00	Kayla Noriega <i>Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00

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Vanessa Ocampo <i>Cheyenne High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Ashlee Sheppard <i>Rancho High School (Medical Academy)</i>	\$2,000.00
Christian Ollano <i>Valley High School</i>	\$1,000.00	Preston Simper <i>Shadow Ridge High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Maria Joanna Opena <i>Clark High School</i>	\$3,000.00	Kristy Smith <i>Shadow Ridge High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Stephanie Pearson <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$1,520.00	Kanjalia Stidhum <i>Shadow Ridge High School</i>	\$2,020.00
Jerad Pettaway <i>Mojave High School</i>	\$5,500.00	Terra Teal <i>Southeast Career & Technology Academy</i>	\$4,000.00
Denny Phane <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Aaron Tsui <i>Clark High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Victoria Quang <i>Valley High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Lorena Urena <i>Chaparral High School</i>	\$2,000.00
Rathika Rajan <i>Durango High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Kathrine Viloría <i>Valley High School</i>	\$1,000.00
Ariana Reed <i>Valley High School</i>	\$6,500.00	Mandisha Waiters <i>Clark High School</i>	\$7,800.00
Justina Rodriguez <i>Las Vegas High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Erika Washington <i>Advanced Technologies Academy</i>	\$1,520.00
Alessandro Sambvani <i>Cimarron-Memorial High School</i>	\$3,000.00	Courtney Wickcliffe <i>Clark High School</i>	\$4,000.00
Jennifer Santana <i>Eldorado High School</i>	\$2,000.00	Alyssia Williams <i>College of Southern NV High School</i>	\$3,520.00
Brandi Sheffey <i>Mojave High School</i>	\$3,520.00	Amanda Zell <i>Coronado High School</i>	\$2,000.00

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