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Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area Awards $12,500 to Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)

ROSLYN, NY: Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area (RMHC-NYTSA) recently awarded $12,500 to Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), Long Island's leading violence prevention and child safety education non-profit. The grant benefits Nassau and Suffolk county children in grades 3, 4 and 5 through the CAPS *Keeping Kids Safe* bully prevention for school-age children project.

Funding from RMHC-NYTSA will be used primarily to expand CAPS bully prevention programs for fourth and fifth grade students, and develop *Steer Clear of Bullies*™ bully prevention program for third graders. All of CAPS prevention-through-education programs for K-12 students are presented at no cost to Long Island schools.

"School bullying affects so many of our elementary school students," said Alane Fagin, Executive Director of CAPS. "We are so grateful to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area for recognizing the value of in-school prevention programs and providing their support. Teaching young children about bully prevention, empathy and inclusion ultimately creates a more peaceful and tolerant society."

"Supporting CAPS is a reflection of our mission," noted Margaret Berger, Executive Director of the RMHC-NYTSA Chapter. We are proud to partner with non-profit organizations serving the needs of children."

Founded in 1982, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) is Long Island's leading non-profit resource on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, relational aggression, sexual harassment, date/acquaintance rape, and how to stay safe on the Internet. In addition to student programs, CAPS offers parent and professional education. For information on how to make a donation, schedule a class or volunteer, call 516-621-0552, 631-289-3240, email *speaktocaps@optonline.net* or visit *www.capsli.org*.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area is working to better the lives of children and their families in our communities, by creating and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children in the areas of health, education, the arts, civic and social issues. Since 1992, RMHC-NYTSA has provided more than $10 million dollars to local non-profit organizations whose programs improve the well-being of children and their families.

For further information on Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area, visit *www.rmhcnewyorktri-state.org* or call 973-287-1476.

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