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## **Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area Awards \$8,000 to Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)**

ROSLYN, NY: Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area (RMHC-NYTSA) recently awarded \$8,000 to Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), Long Island's leading resource on the prevention of bullying, child abuse and neglect. The grant benefits Nassau and Suffolk county children in elementary and middle schools through the CAPS *Keeping Kids Safe* bully prevention project.

"Bullying is an ongoing problem among school-age children," 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 our in-school prevention programs, and providing their support. Teaching children about bully prevention, empathy, and inclusion ultimately creates a more peaceful and tolerant society."

Funding from RMHC-NYTSA will be used primarily to expand CAPS bully prevention programs and for material development. Thanks to the generosity of benefactors like RMHC-NYTSA, all of CAPS student programs are presented at no cost to Long Island schools.

Founded in 1982, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) is Long Island's leading non-profit resource on the prevention of bullying, child abuse and neglect. The CAPS Bully Prevention Center combines the agency's signature in-school programs for children, prevention workshops for parents, staff development and training for school professionals and *Helplines*, with parent coaching and strategies toward creating concrete solutions. CAPS K-12 prevention-through-education programs speak to children about bully and cyber-bully prevention, child abuse and neglect, relational aggression, sexual harassment, date/acquaintance rape and Internet safety. The email *Helpline* and *BullyHelpline* are answered by CAPS professionals with expertise in bullying and child safety issues.

CAPS is a 501(c)(3) organization underwritten by private donations and grants. For information, call 516-621-0552 ext. 101 or, to make a donation, visit [www.capsli.org](http://www.capsli.org).

RMHC-NYTSA 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, they have 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, visit [www.rmhcnewyorktri-state.org](http://www.rmhcnewyorktri-state.org) or call 973-287-1476.

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