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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS PRESENTS AIRSHOW PROCEEDS TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF ROCHESTER**

Joined today by representatives from airshow promoter PEC Management, Five Star Bank and the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC), Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** presented a generous portion of the 2015 Rochester International Airshow proceeds to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Rochester.

*“Here in Monroe County, Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for many families of children receiving medical care at our area healthcare facilities,”* said **Brooks**. *“Each year the Rochester International Airshow donates charitable proceeds to a vital community organization, and I am very proud to hand over this year’s check to Ronald McDonald House Charities in honor of their compassion for local families and dedication to providing hope and healing.”*

In total, \$13,000 was donated to RMHC of Rochester. The funds were generated from ticket sales and concession proceeds.

Over the past 25 years, RMHC of Rochester has reached thousands of children in the community who benefit from programs and services provided by children’s charities supported through their grants program. In 2005, RMHC further expanded their continuum of care by opening a "House Within The Hospital." Located atop the state-of-the-art Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong, the 4,000 square foot House provides proximate respite and support for families just 60 seconds away from their critically ill or injured child. This unique, on-site haven allows RMHC to serve more families than ever before.

*“We are so grateful for the generosity and support from our community, and we cannot express how thankful we are for all that Rochester has made happen for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester,”* said **Carol DeMoulin**, President of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester. *“All donations, big and small, stay in our community and help families closest to us. We are able to provide a comfortable bed, warm meal and safe place for even more families, and we will continue to be there for them when they need it most. We’d like to sincerely thank each and every person who made this happen for Ronald McDonald House Charities.”*

The 2015 Airshow was a tremendous success and welcomed Five Star Bank as the presenting sponsor.

*“It has been our honor at Five Star Bank to be the presenting sponsor of this year’s successful Rochester International Air Show,”* said **Martin K. Birmingham**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Five Star Bank. *“On behalf of almost 100 Five Star employee volunteers to the Air Show, it’s my pleasure now to donate the entirety of the proceeds earned by our volunteers at the event to the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester to continue their outstanding work of keeping families together while their children heal.”*

Nearly 50,000 spectators enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend airshow featuring the US Navy Blue Angels, civilian and military aerobatic acts, aircraft static displays and a first ever pre-airshow concert series.

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