



## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF HAWAII

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### **ALOHA PETROLEUM TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE®**

**HONOLULU** – Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Hawaii announced today that Aloha Petroleum, Ltd., one of Hawaii's largest gasoline marketers and convenience store operators, will be collecting cash donations at its 30 Aloha Island Mart locations on Oahu and the Big Island to support the non-profit organization's efforts to provide a "home-away-from-home" for seriously ill children and their families.

The specially marked Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Hawaii collection canisters are located at Aloha Island Mart checkout counters and will be in place through May 31. A complete list of Aloha Island Mart locations that are accepting donations can be found at [www.AlohaGas.com](http://www.AlohaGas.com).

"I give enormous credit to Aloha Petroleum for this program that they have set up to help Hawaii charities. Being the designated organization this quarter means a great deal to RMHC Hawaii, especially during these difficult economic times, and we are extremely grateful," said Jerri Chong, RMHC Hawaii president/executive director.

The funds collected by Aloha Petroleum will help RMHC Hawaii provide crucial assistance to families who must travel to Oahu for their children's medical treatments.

"Ronald McDonald House Charities fills such an important need in our community by offering families with ill children a comforting place to stay. We're pleased to support RMHC

Hawaii and know that our customers will be too,” said Richard Parry, Aloha Petroleum president and CEO.

Since the first Ronald McDonald House opened in 1987, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii has assisted thousands of families with seriously ill children and has allowed parents to be with their children during their medical treatments.

**About Aloha Petroleum, Ltd.**

Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. is an independently owned and locally operated petroleum marketer and convenience store operator, with a history in Hawaii that dates back to the early 1900s. Aloha employs approximately 380 Hawaii residents, and operates more than 50 fueling locations on Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii. Aloha Petroleum is ranked 15th among Hawaii’s Top 250 companies and is the second largest gasoline marketer in the state.

**About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii, a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, offers support for families with seriously ill children by operating two Ronald McDonald Houses in Manoa Valley. Families from the neighbor islands and the Pacific region may stay there when they come to Honolulu seeking medical care for their children. Each year, hundreds of families make a Ronald McDonald House their “home-away-from-home”.

RMHC Hawaii also provides the Ronald McDonald House Family Room, a respite and support center inside Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. This important partnership with KMCWC has resulted in respite and support for more than 50,000 people. At the Family Room, most of those assisted are families from Oahu.

RMHC Hawaii programs strengthen and support families during a very difficult time. For a child, having family members nearby to give love and comfort may be as crucial as medical care itself.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii relies heavily on community support to keep the Houses running, not only through monetary donations, but also through the countless hours of personal time committed by volunteers.

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