

Local children's organizations to share \$24,000 from Ronald McDonald House Charities of NNY

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Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern New York will award about \$24,000 to local children's organizations today.

A 10 a.m. press conference will be held at the McDonald's restaurant on Arsenal Street to award the largest grant of \$12,931 to the North Country Children's Clinic to purchase a laptop to be shared among the clinic's school-based health centers, a computed digital radiography sensor to provide immediate dental images on screen and Asperger's spectrum diagnosis materials.

■ \$4,000 to the Jefferson County Historical Society, Watertown, to cover the cost of supplies for the organization's "Children Education Engagement — Model Trains Teaching Local History" exhibit. The grant will enable the museum to purchase scenery materials, track and bench work and electrical components for a large display.

According to a news release issued by Ms. Corbin, volunteers will construct a 25-by-8-foot model train display, which will depict areas of local history.

■ \$3,800 to Fort La Presentation Association, Ogdensburg, for its 2012 Living History Day for students in grades four to seven, as they specifically study the American colonial period.

■ \$3,200 to Transitional Living Services of Northern New York, Watertown, to update the recreational area at the children and youth community residence. Funds from the grant will be used to repave the basketball court area, place lights there and purchase a new backboard and hoop.

Ms. Corbin said all of the grants are viable, and the agency is glad to help both large and small organizations.

"We always feel like the Ronald McDonald House Charities can help the little organizations like Transitional Living Services and Fort La Presentation," Ms. Corbin said. "If we can help them with a small grant, then this is the right thing to do. We like to put a little sauce atop of their sundae."

More than \$776,000 has been awarded to local children's organizations in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties by Ronald McDonald House Charities of NNY since 1997.