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# News Release

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**Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer  
Care Foundation**

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## **Ronald McDonald House Charities Funds Pediatric Oncology Audio Visual Systems for Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre**

**St. John's, NL:** Mr. Eric Jerrett, Chairman of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation is pleased to announce a generous gift of \$28,000 from Ronald McDonald House Charities to the Cancer Care Foundation.

The gift of \$28,000 has been designated to the purchase of children's oncology audio visual systems, including personal video display glasses and a children's DVD library for use by pediatric oncology patients during their radiation treatments, and two portable Nintendo Wii Entertainment Centres.

"Ronald McDonald Children's Charity is thrilled to support the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation, by awarding them with a Helping Hands Grant," said Peggy Bartlett, McDonald's Owner/Operator and RMHC Board Member. "We know that these new resources will benefit many of the kids undergoing treatment here in St John's, and help keep their spirits up during a most difficult time."

"Our sincere thanks to Peggy Bartlett and the Ronald McDonald Children's Charity for their generous gift in support of our youngest cancer patients, says chairman Eric Jerrett. "These audio visual systems will enable a child diagnosed with cancer to watch a movie, television show or music video while undergoing radiation treatment. It will help to relax and distract them for the extended time – upwards of 6 weeks that they come to receive treatment. The Nintendo Wii Entertainment Systems will also provide an outlet for children who accompany their parents, aunts, uncles or grandparents to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre for treatment. We are excited to expand upon services that will benefit the children of Newfoundland and Labrador."

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Canada (RMHC®) is a registered national charity that is dedicated to helping children with illnesses or disabilities and their families lead happier, healthier lives. Since its inception in 1982, RMHC has awarded over 2,100 grants totalling over \$59 million to children's charities across Canada. These grants have helped benefit thousands of children & families in more than 600 communities. McDonald's® Restaurants of Canada Limited pays 100% of the administrative costs of RMHC in Canada, so that 100 cents from every dollar donated directly to RMHC goes directly to helping kids and supporting families. For more information about Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit [www.rmhc.ca](http://www.rmhc.ca).

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation raises funds to enhance treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, fund local cancer research initiatives and provide continuing education opportunities for staff of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and affiliated cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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