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The Dental Foundation of Oregon receives \$10,000 for oral healthcare program.

Wilsonville, Oregon, January 10, 2012 – The Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO) received a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Oregon and Southwest Washington (RMHC®) in the amount of \$10,000 to provide free oral healthcare to children of low-income families in Oregon.

“We are very excited to be partnering with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington on our Tooth Taxi mobile dental clinic,” said Charlie LaTourette, Executive Director of The Dental Foundation of Oregon. “Their support will help us serve children who lack access to dental care because of financial, geographical and social barriers to care.”

RMHC partners with nonprofit programs in the community to support efforts to improve children’s health with proper oral healthcare. These grants are made possible by a portion of proceeds from donation boxes in McDonald’s restaurants in our region, and matching funds from RMHC Global.

“Ronald McDonald House Charities is pleased to support the important services provided by The Dental Foundation of Oregon’s Tooth Taxi. Basic pediatric oral healthcare is one of the region’s most critical medical needs and challenges,” explained RMHC Executive Director Tom Soma. “It’s also a preventative complement to the hospitality we offer seriously ill children and their families at our two Ronald McDonald Houses. If, through this program, we can prevent even one child from being hospitalized in the future, we will have more than returned our investment.”

About The Dental Foundation of Oregon

The Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO) is the charitable arm of the Oregon Dental Association. Founded in 1982 by the dentists of Oregon, the DFO provides direct dental care and oral health education on the Tooth Taxi mobile dental van, advocates for children’s oral health programs and supports nonprofit dental clinics throughout the state of Oregon.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities

RMHC provides a “home away from home” for families and their seriously ill children who travel far to receive treatment at Portland hospitals, and awards grants to non-profit organizations that offer children’s oral healthcare.

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