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DIABETES YOUTH SERVICES RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES NORTHWEST OHIO

TOLEDO, Ohio, June, 2009 – Diabetes Youth Services (DYS) was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities Northwest Ohio for support of Hot Shots Summer Camps for children with type 1 diabetes.

DYS provides educational services for more than 3,000 children in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan living with type 1 diabetes. DYS teaches children and their families to manage their diabetes on a daily basis, and also provides two educational summer camps for children with diabetes. Chad Bringman, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities said, "We saw this as a great opportunity to support an organization working hard to keep the children in our community healthy. The Ronald McDonald House exists for families with sick children. Our grants help us reach into our community proactively helping to keep kids healthy."

This grant will be instrumental in making the camps available this year. Big Shots Resident Camp will be June 21-27 at Camp Libbey in Defiance, Ohio for youths 10-15 years old. Little Shots Day Camp will be July 27-31 at Olander Park in Sylvania, Ohio for children 6-9 years old. Children learn self-care procedures during camp and make friendships that last a lifetime. One mother of a Little Shots Camper said, "He got in the car that first day after camp and said, 'Mom everyone here has diabetes! I don't have to be the only one!'"



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Susan Harms, Executive Director of Diabetes Youth Services said, "In these challenging economic times, it is gratifying to have Ronald McDonald House Charities be so generous to us in helping to make camp accessible to even more children."

For more information about Diabetes Youth Services, please call 419-887-8739.

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About Diabetes Youth Services

Founded in 1984, Diabetes Youth Services is the area's sole provider of school support programs and educational summer camps for children with type 1 diabetes. There are currently more than 3,000 children with diabetes in the DYS service area of 14 northwest Ohio counties and five counties in southeast Michigan. For more information about DYS, visit www.dys4kids.org.