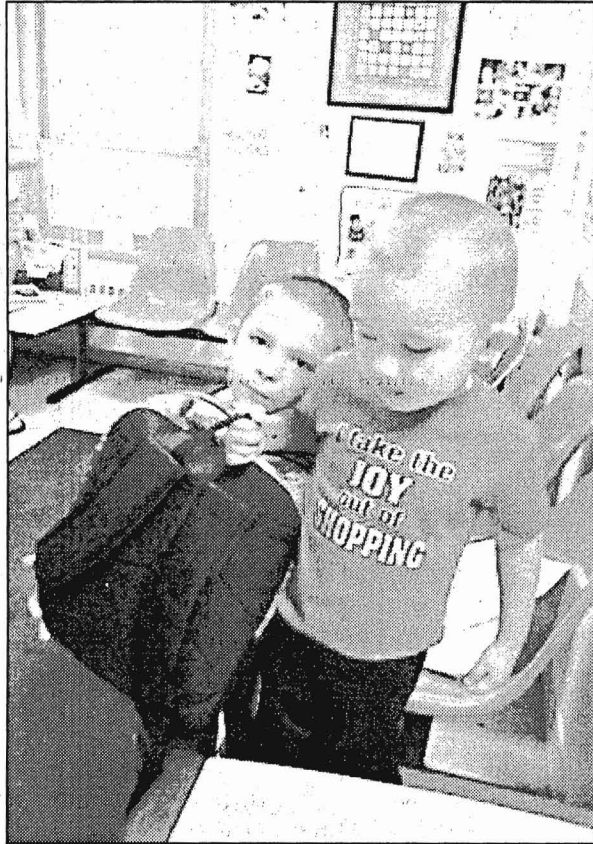


Ronald McDonald House awards grant to Children Services



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Anthony Smith and Tylor Harding received book bags and school supplies along with 65 other children. This was possible because of the \$500 McDonald Grant that Ashtabula County Children Services received from McDonald's Restaurant Owner Allen D. Smith.

ASHTABULATOWNSHIP - McDonald's Restaurant Owner Allen D. Smith awarded Ashtabula County Children Services with a \$500 mini-grant.

These funds are designated to provided book bags and school supplies for children in Kinship Placements.

There are 250 families that are currently in the Ashtabula County Children Services Board Kinship Program. Our Kinship caregivers have made a huge commitment to the children they have welcomed into their homes. This is also a very emotional time for the adults and children. There are feelings of grief, loss of control, loy-

alty, rejection, fear, self-esteem, trust and identity issues. It is life-changing for everyone involved-kids and adults.

The RMHC-NEO Mini-Grant will help the Kinship providers financially and the children will benefit emotionally and educationally by having appropriate supplies for school.

In 1987, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc was established and has awarded more than \$7 million to children's programs across Northeast Ohio. RMHC-NEO also provides ongoing financial support of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Akron and Cleveland.