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Selling lemonade to help McDonald House

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SOMERSET — Youth Jonathan Kochan set up a lemonade stand on the corner of Pleasant Street and Compos Street last week and will be selling the refreshing drink for the hot weather there for the rest of the summer to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Cost for the lemonade is 50 cents per cup. Jonathan's mother, Valerie Kochan, said she will match whatever amount of money her son raises for the Ronald McDonald House. Jonathan, 10, attends the North Elementary School.

"It teaches him a little about math and a little about doing a good thing," Ms. Kochan said of her son's fund raiser.

Ms. Kochan said Jonathan's uncle and aunt stayed at the Ronald McDonald House while their son was sick and in the hospital before he passed away.

The Ronald McDonald House provides an affordable place for families to stay so that they can be close to their children who are dealing with serious illnesses in a nearby hospital. The house only asks for the families to make a small donation, if they are able. If they can not afford to give money to the house, the fee is waived. Ronald McDonald House, which was started 35 years ago, has chapters in 52 countries. The houses functions mostly on donations from individuals and businesses and the help of volunteers. Families can stay at the house after talking to a social worker at a hospital.