

THE CALL

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Students collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House

WOONSOCKET — On Monday, Michelle M. LePage, House Manager at Ronald McDonald House in Providence, was at the Woonsocket Middle School to accept 16 pounds of pop tabs.

The Woonsocket Middle School school nurse, Linda Pare, RN, School Nurse/Teacher, began efforts to collect the tabs in December, 2010. Students at the Middle schools have been trying to make a difference in the lives of children who are being treated at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

LePage explained that the Ronald McDonald house receives money for the tabs. The money is then used to help offset the cost of housing families of sick children during their treatment.

The Ronald McDonald House is located near Hasbro Children's Hospital. Last year they raised approximately \$6,000 from pop tabs which covered the grocery expenses for the families staying at the house. The Ronald McDonald House is a non-profit organization that provides support to families during the difficult time while their child is hospitalized.

The Woonsocket Middle School students, staff and families have been saving the pop tabs and will continue to collect them. The school has also offered to be a collection point for anyone wishing to drop off pop tabs to assist in the efforts. The school will collect them and then forward them to the Ronald McDonald House for additional assistance to those in need.



Submitted photo
Pictured, in front from left, are Ashley Berrios, grade 6; Shyla Romero, grade 6; Linda Kuras, assistant principal; Robin Darling, teacher assistant; back row, Linda Pare, RN, CSNT; Michelle LePage, house manager, Ronald McDonald House; Brenda Plasse, nurse clerk; and Dr. Patrick McGee, Woonsocket Middle School principal.