

# *SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM*

Ronald McDonald House Charities® Scholarship program provides scholarships in our 11-county service area to promising students who desire a college education and are eligible according to criteria based on academic performance, drug-free, crime-free record and community service. Each scholarship is a pre-paid two-year Florida community college tuition equalling 60 credit hours. Credits may also be applied to many accredited colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Since 1995 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay, in partnership with the State of Florida has given more than 500 scholarships totalling \$2 million dollars. The McDonald's owner/operators in our service area support this program through the display of posters in their stores and underwriting the luncheon honoring our recipients each year.

Annually, RMHC of Tampa Bay awards 46 scholarships to deserving students, regardless of ethnicity. Often these students are the first members of their family to attend college. RMHC of Tampa Bay works closely with the schools and county education foundations in each of the 11 counties we serve to ensure the academic success of the recipients.

RMHC of Tampa Bay scholarships are part of our mission to help kids in our community who face limited opportunities, with resources toward a better future.

*\*Our 11 county area consists of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk & Sarasota.*

