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## **GATE COIN BOX, CHARITY ROUND-UP CAMPAIGN RAISES \$45,000 FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 18, 2021** — The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jacksonville-based GATE Petroleum Company, and GATE customers raised \$45,000 for Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Charities. Funds were raised January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 as part of GATE’s coin box campaign and charity round-up option. Coin collection boxes were placed at the registers of all GATE stores across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina to collect donations. Customers could also choose to round-up their transaction totals to the nearest dollar, with the difference going towards the RMH Charities donation. Funds will be distributed to the RMH Charity closest to where they were raised.

“We are so grateful to our customers for their generosity throughout this campaign,” said Kathy Brady, executive director of the GATE Foundation. “Ronald McDonald House Charities provide a safe haven and home away from home for families with children facing serious medical issues. It is an honor to support their work.”

The GATE Foundation conducts two coin box collections and two paper icon campaigns each year to benefit organizations that align with its mission to support efforts and services that nurture and protect the well-being of family and community.

“GATE has long been an important community partner of RMHC of Jacksonville and we are so grateful that they have once again led a fundraising campaign to support the families we serve,” said Diane Boyle, executive director of RMHC Jacksonville. “Family centered care is now more important than ever and these donations will help provide lodging, meals and transportation for critically ill children and their families who need to be near a hospital for medical treatment. A million ‘Thank You’s’ to GATE and the Jacksonville community for your support!”

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**About The GATE Foundation:**

The GATE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Jacksonville-based GATE Petroleum Company, has contributed tens of millions of dollars to support efforts and services that nurture and protect the well-being of family and community. Founded in 1960 by Herbert H. Peyton, GATE Petroleum Company is a heavily-diversified company headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. GATE operates in a variety of industries including retail convenience stores, car washes, fleet and fuel services, real estate, hospitality and construction materials. For more information on The GATE Foundation, visit <http://myGATEstore.com/Community> or call (904) 737-7220.

**About RMHC of Jacksonville:**

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) of Jacksonville is to support the health and well-being of children by providing lodging, meals, transportation and a community of care to critically ill children and their families who need to be near a hospital for treatment. Supporting five local hospitals, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Jacksonville serves more than 1,500 families of critically ill children each year. To learn more, visit [www.rmhcjacksonville.org](http://www.rmhcjacksonville.org) or call (904) 807-HOME (4663).

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