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A Gracious Donation Ceremony at the Ronald McDonald House



(Left to Right: Kathy Denton, Douglas Lehrian Ph.D., Judy Lehrian and Yvette Thomas- PMCA)

January 9, 2008, Bethlehem, PA — On December 3, 2007, PMCA presented a donation check in the amount of \$1,695 to the Ronald McDonald House, Hershey, PA. The funds were raised during PMCA’s Centennial Gala Artisan Exhibition Event. **Kathy Denton**, the Executive Director at the *Ronald McDonald House*, accepted the donation from **Douglas Lehrian Ph.D.**, *The Hershey Company* and PMCA’s Board of Director. **Judy Lehrian**, wife of Douglas Lehrian is also an active volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House facility and was the main liaison between PMCA and the RMH.

“We appreciate your support of RMHC through your fundraiser to help make a difference in the lives of the families who use our services. Efforts such as these truly do make a difference! Please extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success. Many families will benefit from your kindness” says Kathy Denton, in a letter to PMCA.

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This donation would have never been possible if it weren't for the kind and gracious people of the confectionery industry who participated in PMCA's Centennial Celebration Gala. During this evening on October 20, 2007 at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA, there was a silent auction where attendees could place a bid on expertly designed sculptures created to fit the theme of "Centennial Celebration."

The very talented Artisans who participated and graciously donated their confectionery piece that night was: **Brian Donaghy- Tomric Systems, Beth Kimmerle- Porcupine Product, Dona Peters- Cargill Cocoa and Chocolate, Frank Vollkommer- Cargill Cocoa and Chocolate, and the Hershey Company Team- Shawn Bennett, James Bew, Mark Heim and Doug Lehrian.** PMCA has captured forever, many elements of this memorable year and will begin its one hundred and first year with a foundation of strength, dedicated volunteers and the exceptional support of its membership!

PMCA is a non-profit international trade association in the confectionery industry whose goals are to provide open forums for the free exchange of technical information through its Annual Production Conference, to promote and direct basic and applied scientific research in the science of chocolate and confectionery through its Research Program at leading universities and to educate and train technical and manufacturing personnel worldwide through its Short Course Program. The organization was originally founded in 1907 as the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Confectioners' Association.

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