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**KIDS HELPING KIDS
Westwood HS Student Raises \$2,475 to
Support Ronald McDonald House Charities®**

AUSTIN, TX (September 4, 2014) – Memories of being tested in the hospital as a young girl and having her family close by prompted Madeleine Nagle, a Westwood High School junior, to give back to her community. She knew she wanted to help families with hospitalized children stay together. Madeleine combined her passion for Indian classical dance and her desire to give back and hosted an 11-week dance camp over the summer for young girls. Madeleine donated all the registration proceeds to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas and raised nearly \$2,500 for to help families with critically ill or injured children.

Over 50 guests gathered at the Ronald McDonald House® on Sunday, August 31 to watch the final performance of Madeleine’s dance camp students. Ten girls, ages 5 years and older, performed two classical Indian dances including steps from Kathak and Bharathanatyam. As a surprise to the guests, Madeleine performed two choreographed routines and her brother, Osric, sang three songs, the National Anthem, a Bangla and Hindi song and an English song.

“Several years ago I had a problem with my eye that required several tests and scans and having my parents by my side made the experience bearable,” says Madeleine Nagle. “When I became aware of RMHC Central Texas and their mission, I could relate to the children and I want them to have their families nearby so they feel comfortable and are not scared.”

“We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Madeleine and her family,” comments Carolyn Schwarz, executive director of RMHC Central Texas. “It is especially gratifying to see a young lady take a personal experience, combine her passion for dance, and give back to her community. Her efforts to not only raise funds, but to educate her community about how we help families with sick children truly makes a meaningful difference.”

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To learn more about Madeleine’s Classical Dance Camp please contact classical.rhythms@yahoo.com.

For more pictures, visit <http://bit.ly/ClassicalDancePerformance>.

PHOTO CAPTION 1: Lakshmi Trivedi (far left), Arushi Ahmed (left center), Maya Rajan (right center) and Ornith Jahid (right), students of Madeleine’s Classical Dance Camp, perform to a Bengali song, Na di dir dha, at the Ronald McDonald House.

PHOTO CAPTION 2: Madeleine Nagle, Westwood High School student and dance instructor, performed a surprise dance routine for her students and guests that attended the recital at the Ronald McDonald House.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas®

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