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Ronald McDonald House Charities[®] of Central New York Announces 2019 Youth Advisory Board Members

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Ronald McDonald House Charities[®] of Central New York has named six local students to its 2019 Youth Advisory Board, including **Haley Duke** and **Emily Falge**, juniors at Marcellus High School; **Kathleen Glass**, a freshman at West Genesee High School; **Shannon McMullen**, a junior at Christian Brothers Academy; **Samantha Stahlbrodt**, a junior at Cicero-North Syracuse High School; and **Shruti Zirath**, a junior at Christian Brothers Academy.

The students join six other members currently on the board, including **Hope Allyn**, a senior at Skaneateles High School; **Bobby Galusha**, a senior at Jamesville-DeWitt High School; **Luc Jerome**, a senior at C.W. Baker High School; **Caitlyn Krahling**, a senior at Westhill Senior High School; **Eric Leubner**, a junior at West Genesee High School; and **Noah Ravas**, a senior at C.W. Baker High School.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York Youth Advisory Board is to create projects that educate young people about the value of philanthropy and volunteerism in the community. As a group, the board plans and conducts fundraising events, community events and volunteer activities that raise awareness and funds for the nonprofit organization.

“The Youth Advisory Board works together and devotes their time and talents throughout the year to help ensure that we continue to keep families close and together at the CNY Ronald McDonald House,” said Beth Trunfio, executive director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY. “These students are an integral part of our organization and help raise awareness for our mission among their peers and local communities.”

For more information about the Youth Advisory Board, or to learn how to join, please call 315-476-1027 or email volunteer@rmhcny.org.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities[®] of Central New York: Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY operates the CNY Ronald McDonald House 24 hours a day, year-round as a “home away from home” for families whose children are hospitalized with serious illnesses or injuries. For just \$25 a night per family, the House provides the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, and support and compassion. The fully accessible Ronald McDonald House allows the organization to help keep even more families with seriously ill children together. For more information or to donate, visit www.rmhcny.org.

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