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## Tabfest breaks attendance record

Makes largest contribution to charity

(MENDON, Ohio) Over 1,600 people attended Tabfest, 2003, a campout charity event featuring live music on July 25 and 26. Organizers of the event are pleased to announce its largest attendance numbers in the 4<sup>th</sup> year it has featured live music. This success will lead to Tabfest's largest contribution to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Members of The One-Eyed Show and Grasshopper Pie partner with event founder Curt Albers in a non-profit organization called the Harmony for Ohio Foundation to organize Tabfest annually. The group will present Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region with a check for **\$4,500 and nearly 420 pounds of tabs**. This will raise the total cash contribution made by the organization over the past 4 years to \$12,000 and over 1000 pounds of tabs.

Tabfest attendees are asked to save aluminum tabs from beverage cans throughout the year and during the two-day event. Tabs are collected and donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities who recycles them and uses the proceeds to support its activities. The tabs are favored by the charity because they are easy to collect, don't compete with other recycling programs and are made of a higher grade of aluminum.

"It's been so exciting to watch this event grow into one of the best of its kind in our region," said Curt Albers, founder of Tabfest. "I think a big reason we've had so much success is due to the fact that we aren't doing this to get rich. We give the proceeds to people who are less fortunate. So we've amassed some pretty good karma that seems to pay off for us in the form of good weather and good luck in general. I think people really appreciate what we are trying to do, and the fact that they can hear great music while supporting the cause."

This year's Tabfest performers included the David Nelson Band, The Recipe, The Shantee, Grasshopper Pie, The One-Eyed Show, Guest, Ray's Music Exchange, The Ordinary Way, Broken Grass, Four Ohms and the Slithy Tones.

"We really appreciate the support we get from Tabfest, which is one of our largest non-corporate donors," said Sharon DiLorenzo, Development Associate of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region. "This money makes a real difference in the support we are able to provide our families. Each year we have received a larger cash contribution and more tabs from Tabfest's organizers. It's nice to be able to count on that generosity."

"I expect Tabfest 2004 to build on this year's momentum," Albers said. "We grow a little every year and people are starting to know that they can plan on spending the last weekend in July at Tabfest."

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. Visit [www.rmhd Dayton.org](http://www.rmhd Dayton.org) for more information on Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region.

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