



## **25,000 Kids Being Served with \$367,000 from Ronald McDonald House Charities for ‘Infinite Potential Through Technology’** ***UCP’s Infinitec assistive technologies program now offered in five states***

CHICAGO (March 24, 2011) – Twenty-five thousand school children with disabilities are reaching for their full potential with a helping hand from Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®).

“Ronald McDonald House Charities supports organizations that show the vision and the capacity to help children lead happier, healthier lives, and United Cerebral Palsy Association is one of them,” said Marty Coyne, president and CEO, RMHC.

United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP) of Greater Chicago is using a \$367,000 grant to expand its Infinitec program to classrooms in Georgia and Minnesota. Schools in Illinois, Kansas and California already receive help from Infinitec, which promotes “infinite potential through technology” for people with physical and developmental disabilities.

“UCP puts 93 cents of every dollar donated directly into programs and services, so we know our contribution will make a real difference,” Coyne added.

The grant also is giving Minnesota and Georgia schools access to Infinitec’s teaching resources, training materials, consultants and five-state coalition of educators. UCP is applying \$150,000 of the grant to purchase more assistive technology equipment and software such as speech simulators and devices that read texts aloud. Schools in the Illinois Infinitec coalitions can access these tools through the Infinitec Assistive Technology Loan Library based in Tinley Park, Ill.

“With cutbacks to school budgets, teachers can’t afford to order a piece of equipment or software and hope it’s the right learning tool for an individual child,” said Paul Dulle, Ph.D., president & CEO of UCP of Greater Chicago. “Our lending library of assistive technology lets them try out these technologies and get guidance from experts. The generosity of Ronald McDonald House Charities is helping more children experience a life without limits.”

### **About United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago**

UCP is a nonprofit human services agency. UCP Chicago’s mission is to advance the independence of people with disabilities, enrich their lives, provide support to their families, and advocate for their inclusion in every facet of community life. For more information visit [www.ucpnet.org](http://www.ucpnet.org).

### **About Infinitec**

Infinitec, Inc. is a program of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago. Infinitec touches lives in hundreds of school districts across five states, promoting opportunities for inclusion and independence for children with disabilities through assistive technology, information and training, and access to specialists. For more information visit [www.infinitec.org](http://www.infinitec.org).

### **About Ronald McDonald House Charities**

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