

## Annual Golf Outing Charities Selected

The MCA Golf Committee has selected two charities for the Annual Charity Golf Outing, scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at North Hill Country Club. Sunrise Day Camp and Ronald McDonald House New York have been designated as the recipients of the 2013 Golf Outing's charitable donations! Though there were a few charities worthy of selection, these two stood out for their continued commitment to bettering the lives of children across the world while providing an exceptional benefit to the families of New York City and Long Island. The Golf Committee would like to thank those who submitted charities for consideration. Members are encouraged to recommend additional organizations in 2014. More information on the two selections can be found below:

Sunrise Day Camp in Long Island, submitted by Larry Levine of Par Plumbing, is the first dedicated day camp for children with cancer and their siblings where camp, and all year-round programs are provided completely free of charge. "Sunrise" is affiliated with 13 pediatric oncology hospitals in the New York metropolitan area and focuses on helping children develop their social skills, giving them the confidence to play with other children and providing them with a normative summertime experience – something that is often denied them due to their illness and treatments. By welcoming siblings to camp together with sick children, the camp gives parents some respite, while enabling the children to connect with one another on the basis of fun and friendship, and not through the illness. Sunrise has served over 1,500 children at its flagship camp in Long Island, has recently opened a satellite camp in Israel, and is currently building a third camp in Rockland County.

Ronald McDonald House New York, proposed by Peter Vrankovic of Orion Mechanical Systems, provides a temporary "home-away-from-home" for pediatric cancer patients and their families in a strong, supportive and caring environment. Because their location in Manhattan is in close proximity to 13 pre-eminent cancer treatment centers that provide life-saving, cutting edge protocols not yet available anywhere in the world, Ronald McDonald House New York draws children and families from all 50 states and more than 70 countries, as well as the metropolitan New York City area. The largest facility of its type in the world, the RMDH New York can accommodate 84 families, and it is filled to capacity almost every night. Regardless of a family's financial situation, no family is ever turned away! Since its founding, more than 30,000 children and their families have stayed at Ronald McDonald House New York as they under-go treatment for pediatric cancer.