

THANK YOU RMHCSC!

Mardan School receives 2015 grant award for photography lab!



About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southern California:

For more than 35 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC) of Southern California has been dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children and families across Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. RMHC of Southern California helps families with critically-ill children stay together, connecting them with others facing similar challenges through its six Ronald McDonald Houses® in Bakersfield, Loma Linda, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Orange and Pasadena and two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms®. One of the few chapters to operate a cost-free, medically supervised Camp Ronald McDonald For Good Times®, RMHC of Southern California helps children with cancer and their siblings rediscover childhood and develop the self-esteem and self-efficacy often lost as a result of the disease. The organization also provides funding through its Community Grants Board to deserving non-profits that improve the lives of children and funds four college scholarship programs that help exemplary high school students pursue the education of their dreams. More information about RMHC of Southern California and its programs can be found at www.rmhcsc.org or on [www.Facebook.com/RMHCSoCal](https://www.facebook.com/RMHCSoCal) and [www.Twitter.com/rmhc_socal](https://www.twitter.com/rmhc_socal).



Mardan was the recipient of a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California's Community Grants Board to buy needed equipment to establish a photography studio/lab. This up-to-date digital photography equipment allows Mardan to offer photography as a separate elective for our high school students, as well as enrich the creative experiences of our middle school students. The grant was awarded the end of 2015, with the funding received in the spring of 2016. The equipment was purchased and set up in time to offer an elective photography class to our high school students during this summer session 2016, as well as allow our middle school class to incorporate photography as part of their summer school curriculum.

All high school students are required to complete fine arts electives in order to graduate. In the past, the school has offered art history and art appreciation classes to fulfill this requirement. A photography class offers even more of an opportunity for an "active" and interactive learning experience. Photography is also a medium that provides boundless opportunities for students to express themselves creatively, and make choices that become meaningful to them. The class plans to also include the process of having students critique the photography of others, as well as receive critique regarding their own work. By participating in supportive and structured critiques of others, Mardan students can practice language skills, recalling prior knowledge, practicing and applying new knowledge, and listening. Students also learn about reflection, expression, constructive advice and arguments that are part of an academic skill-set they can apply in future academic situations across other subject areas.

Description of the Community

Grants Board

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southern California's Community Grants Board provides funds to organizations directly improving the lives of children throughout Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Since its inception in 1987, the Community Grants Board has awarded more than 1,000 grants totaling more than \$25 million to Southern California organizations. Grants are made possible through the office of RMHC Global and local McDonald's owner/operators who contribute a portion of each Happy Meal sold to support the program, among other fundraising efforts.



Mardan is grateful to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southern California's Community Grants Board for their generous support in providing additional educational enrichment opportunities to the students at Mardan School!