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## **Nurse-Family Partnership Receives Significant Grant Award**

DENVER, CO - FEBRUARY 19, 2007 - Nurse-Family Partnership, a leading nonprofit organization addressing the needs of low-income, first-time parents and their children has been awarded a grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) that will provide Nurse-Family Partnership children with safety and developmental items otherwise unavailable to them.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities grant, in the amount of \$370,000 will fund an initiative called BABIES (Building a Better Infant Environment Safely), providing essential safety and developmental items (e.g. diapers, cribs, car seats, home safety items, books and developmental toys) for children with limited resources in the Nurse-Family Partnership program.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, a non-profit, 501(c)(3), creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children worldwide. Its goal is to make an immediate, positive impact on as many children as possible through its global network of local Chapters in 49 countries. In addition to its cornerstone Ronald McDonald House program and the Ronald McDonald Family Room and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs, the Charity makes grants to not-for-profit organizations to help children everywhere. To date, Ronald McDonald House Charities and its global network of local Chapters have awarded more than \$460 million in grants to children's programs worldwide.

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Office is a nonprofit organization committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. It is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized controlled trials conducted over the past 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditure. Mothers and children who have participated in the program have consistently demonstrated significantly improved prenatal health, fewer childhood injuries, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased intervals between births, increased maternal employment and improved school readiness. For more information, please visit [www.nursefamilypartnership.org](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org)

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