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They Came, They Saw, They Organized

Thirteen Professional Organizers from the North Coast Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) celebrated GO (Get Organized) Month as they gathered on January 23rd at Cleveland's Ronald McDonald House to give something back to an organization which provides so much to so many.

"Their t-shirts read 'I came, I saw, I organized' and this phenomenal group was tireless in their efforts to rid our storage areas of unnecessary clutter and make the heart of our House, the kitchen, more user friendly for our families and for volunteer groups preparing meals for them," said Linda Peters, Volunteer Coordinator at the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Inc. By day's end, the house guests, volunteers, and staff were able to navigate the two newly organized kitchens with ease, while large storage and receiving areas of the house also took on a completely new look.

Participating in GO Month, the group collectively donated over 100 hours of organizing services at the Ronald McDonald House which, for the past 29 years, has provided a supportive, caring and clean home-away-from-home to families with children who require medical care at Cleveland-area hospitals.

With over 250 volunteers working at the facility each week and house guests coming and going on a daily basis, it is very difficult to keep things in place and in order. "We were pleased to represent NAPO and our profession by assisting the Ronald

McDonald staff with their organizational needs," Clair commented. "We were all happy to be able to give a little back to this wonderful organization."

Planning for the day-long event, which was co-chaired by Tamara Spotts (Truly Organized, Cleveland Heights) and Patty Clair (keeping it simple, Shaker Heights), began several months ago with an initial needs assessment at the home, as well as several follow up visits to fully understand the organizational challenges the staff, volunteers, and administrators faced during their time at the home.

Sponsored by NAPO, Get Organized Month is a national industry-wide event dedicated to raising awareness of the benefits of getting organized and of hiring a professional organizer. To learn more about NAPO or to find a local organizer, go to www.naponorthcoastoh.com.