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### Ronald McDonald House Kids join Nevada and Miami for MPC Bowl Coin Toss



*Ronald McDonald House guests Branden Joiner (foreground in street clothes) and Austin Meredith (in wheelchair) take part in the Humanitarian Hall of Fame Coin Toss at the 2006 MPC Computers*

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 31, 2006 -- The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame treated two guests of Boise's Ronald McDonald House to a thrill of a lifetime as honorary team captains for the 2006 MPC Computers Bowl coin toss.

Eighteen-year-old Branden Joiner of McCall, who is undergoing treatment for osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, represented the Nevada Wolfpack while 15-year-old Austin Meredith of Riggins, who is undergoing treatment for paralysis, represented the Miami Hurricanes.

The two young Idahoans made the calls for their respective teams at center field on the blue turf in Boise just prior to kick-off. As a part of the program, the Ronald McDonald House guests took home a commemorative MPC Bowl coin and an authentic jersey from each team along with a lifetime of memories. Miami, which won the toss, slipped past Nevada 21 - 20 in the tenth running of the bowl game.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho operates the Idaho Ronald McDonald House to provide a temporary home away from home for families of ill or injured children receiving treatment at Boise medical facilities. In addition to providing comfort and care for these families in a nurturing and supportive surrounding, the Charity invests in community programs that promote the health and well being of children. The RMH is home to over 550 families each year. Guests come from throughout the state of Idaho, Eastern Oregon, Northern Nevada and Alaska.

To watch the Humanitarian Hall of Fame coin toss please visit [www.MPCcomputersBowl.com](http://www.MPCcomputersBowl.com) or to learn more about the Idaho Ronald McDonald House please visit [www.rmhidaho.org](http://www.rmhidaho.org)



### **About The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame**

The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame ([www.sportshumanitarian.com](http://www.sportshumanitarian.com)), located on the Boise State University campus in Boise, Idaho, recognizes individuals and organizations from the world of amateur and professional athletics who, through their humanitarian efforts, distinguish themselves as role models in the community. Since 1994 over thirty role models with world-class athletic ability and exceptional humanitarian achievements have been inducted to the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. Each spring the induction ceremony includes recipients of an annual humanitarian awards program that recognizes community achievement in all corners of the sporting world through its President's Award, Pro Team Community Award, Don Simplot Idaho Humanitarian Award, the Tradition of Excellence Award presented to a Heisman Trophy winner, and the Nell and John Wooden Humanitarian Lifetime Coaching Achievement Award. Each year the Hall of Fame, in partnership with Boise's MPC Computers Bowl, honors a player from each team with its Student Humanitarian Award. The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is open weekdays to visitors and humanitarians of all ages.

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