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MEDIA ALERT

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**McDONALD'S® RESTAURANT CELEBRATES
EMPLOYEES'S 20th ANNIVERSARY**

Employee with Down syndrome celebrates his anniversary in a big way.

WHO: On Monday, July 20th, 2009, a McDonald's Restaurant, located in Hazelwood, MO, will honor Gary Hemminghaus, a 40 year old man with Down syndrome, for his stellar performance as a McDonald's employee.

WHAT: Mr. Hemminghaus will be honored by his family and co-workers before his shift this Monday morning. Gary and his family will arrive at the restaurant in a limousine between 9:30am and 10:00am. Once arriving at the restaurant Hemminghaus will take part in a party with family members, coworkers and Ronald McDonald.

For the past twenty years Hemminghaus has been a vital part of the lunch shift every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. His hard working attitude has not only inspired coworkers and everyday customers, but also got him selected as a national spokesperson and a participant in training videos and ad campaigns.

**WHEN/
WHERE** The celebration honoring Mr. Hemminghaus will take place at the McDonald's Restaurant, located at 7300 North Lindbergh, Hazelwood, MO 63042, between 9:30am – 11am.

HOW: Please contact Abigail Fahrig at 636.578.3813 if you are interested in attending the event.

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