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## **McTEACHER'S NIGHT DONATIONS HIT MILLION-DOLLAR MARK**

**St. Louis, October 19, 2005** – Over the past three years, McDonald's Restaurants have raised more than one million dollars, for regional schools, through the McTeacher's Night program. More than half of the St. Louis/Metro East McDonald's Restaurants participated in McTeacher's Night on October 4, from 4 – 8 p.m., and raised over \$41,500 for local schools.

McTeacher's Night is a unique event in which the students, faculty and parents, throughout the region, take a break from their normal after school routine, to work at their local McDonald's Restaurant. Each participating restaurant donates a percentage of its sales, from the night, directly to its partner school.

All school levels (elementary, middle and senior high schools) were represented on McTeacher's Night, including public, private and parochial schools. "Everyone from our school had a great time at McTeacher's Night. "It's such a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty and parents to get involved, and help raise money for our school's educational programs," said one local schoolteacher. "We're definitely looking forward to participating again in the Spring."

The next McTeacher's Night is scheduled to take place on March 7, 2006 at participating McDonald's Restaurants throughout the region. Schools interested in participating in the fundraising event can contact their local McDonald's, or visit [www.mcdonaldsstl.com](http://www.mcdonaldsstl.com) for more information.

"Events such as McTeacher's Night provide an effective tool and resource for the schools in our community to raise money. McDonald's is pleased to lend that support, and very proud that our region has been able give over a million dollars to education," said Mike Klak, McDonald's St. Louis/Metro East Co-Op President.

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