

Garfield's Rescue pays it forward to Ronald McDonald House Charity

KILMARNOCK—It takes 1,267 aluminum can pop tops to make one pound.

Garfield's Rescue (GRI) president Karen S. Peterson recently donated eight pounds of aluminum pop tops to Kilmarnock McDonald's manager Karetha Smith for the Ronald McDonald's House Charity (RMHC).

That equals 10,136 cans of cat food that GRI opened to feed an annual average of 400 homeless, abandoned cats and kittens in their compassionate care, said Peterson. Pop top collections add up to make an impact to provide temporary housing at a Ronald McDonald House, "a home away from home," food and other essential services to families of critically ill children while they receive treatment.

Once RMHC receives enough tabs to fill two 32 gallon bins they take them to their recycling partner to receive precious dollars that helps RMHC fund and support their Ronald McDonald House operations, she said.

GRI compares its rescue mission to eliminate the suffering of homeless, abandoned cats and kittens in service to Virginia's Northern Neck region, but



From left are Kilmarnock McDonald's manager Karetha Smith and Garfield's Rescue president Karen S. Peterson.

they have no home to return to. GRI provides lifesaving spay/neuter services, vaccinations to treat and prevent life threatening disease, routine and critical medical care for injuries due to unknown cruelties and fosters the cats and kittens in their network of private foster homes where they thrive as they wait adoption.

GRI has no pop top program

to finance the provision of a safe shelter, food and essential services for fostered cats and kittens as they receive lifesaving medical care. As a 100% volunteer charity, GRI

relies solely on donations from caring donors, fundraising and grants for income.

To support the GRI homeless cat rescue mission, visit www.garfieldsrescue.org for donation, volunteer, adoption and fostering opportunities. Visit RMHC-Richmond.org or the local McDonald's to learn how to support their Aluminum Pop Top Can Collection Program in support of families staying at their RMH homes while their critically ill children receive treatment.

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