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## **Local MP Volunteers For McHappy Day**

Dr Nahan, the Member for Riverton, joined many other local celebrities to help raise funds on Saturday 13 November for McHappy Day, a national fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

"I was very pleased to work at the Riverton store in High Road, Riverton and at the Willetton store at Southlands Shopping Centre on the day, where a percentage of the store's sales went to the charity," said Dr Nahan.

"McHappy Day provides an opportunity for the community to donate to one of our most important charities. Almost two million people across Australia have been helped by the charity through the provision of the Ronald McDonald Houses, Family Retreats or Family Rooms at our children's hospital."

"The Ronald McDonald Houses are attached to major women's and children's hospitals and provide a 'home-away-from-home' for seriously ill children and their families."

"Ronald McDonald House Charities provide invaluable assistance to families who have a seriously ill child. The importance of the program and the value of its services cannot be underestimated," said Dr Nahan.

"Ronald McDonald House Charities provides 13 of these houses across Australia providing day and longer-term accommodation for up to 250 families every night. In addition, more than 600 children a year are directly helped by the Ronald McDonald Learning Program."

"The charity frequently experiences maximum capacity throughout the year at its houses and as a consequence, it is keen to expand its program to be able to assist even more Australian families."

"The local community was particularly generous on McHappy Day and more than \$3,000 was raised from these two stores. Together with donations from across Australia, more than \$20 million dollars were raised on the day."

"I congratulate the local community for supporting McHappy Day so strongly and helping to make a difference to families in need."

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