

Houston golf tournament raises almost \$30,000 for local Ronald McDonald House chapter

Annual event brings together ABB employees, vendors and customers to help families with children undergoing treatment in the Houston's world-class medical center

On October 3, 2014, ABB and Thomas & Betts hosted the annual "ABB Challenge Cup" golf tournament at the BlackHorse Country Club in Houston, Texas. We had the highest ever turnout of golfers this year, and the event raised \$28,904 for [Ronald McDonald House Houston](#) (RMHH).

"I'm proud to be a part of this event that not only raises money for a great cause, but also brings together ABB employees from many different teams in Houston and even beyond the city," says Brandon Spencer, co-chair of the tournament. "Working towards 'a better world' is a big part of ABB's mission, and the support this event provides to Ronald McDonald House Houston reaffirms our commitment to this goal."

The Houston-area offices began supporting RMHH in 2010, when it was selected as the charity for ABB Automation & Power World that year. Since then, between the fundraising done by local offices, at the 2010 and 2012 Automation & Power World events, and grants from ABB Foundation, ABB overall has raised more than \$350,000 for the organization.

This money has played a major role in helping RMHH support families dealing with a serious childhood illness, according to Executive Director Leslie Bourne. She was on hand at the event to personally thank the participants, along with Mogie™, a Labradoodle who serves as "Key Comfort Ambassador" for families staying at the organization's Holcombe House facility. Mogie is the title character of a children's book that was published this summer, called "[Mogie: The Heart of the House](#)."

Thanks to everyone who volunteered, played or sponsored this year's golf tournament. We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's event.

Photos from the tournament can be found in [the online gallery for the event](#).