

## **Bank of America Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation**

Wilmington, DE (July 10, 2008) – The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation today announced a \$10,000 grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The funds will support the Family Assistance Program to help families of critically ill children in their time of greatest need.

“The McDonough family learned firsthand as their son bravely battled leukemia, these diseases do not discriminate,” said Ric Struthers, Delaware Market President, Bank of America. “Bank of America is proud to support the B+ Foundation as they bring hope and financial support to the many families who face similar struggles and hardships.”

The B+ Foundation has helped families of critically ill children around the country, providing financial assistance to have utilities restored, evictions avoided, and food and medicine purchased, to name a few examples. In addition, the Foundation provides hope to the families and shows them that someone cares.

“We are tremendously honored that Bank of America has decided to join us in our mission,” said Joe McDonough, President of The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation and Andrew’s father. As a family, we are living our worst nightmare having lost our 14-year old son, but we are committed to helping others. Bank of America truly does care for the communities they serve and together we’re making a substantial impact on the lives of these families.”

An 11-year old cancer patient shared, “As a kid with cancer, it was nice to know that there are people out here in the world that LOVE me and helped my family. Thank you Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation. Thank you a million times!”

### **About Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy**

Building on a long-standing tradition of investing in the communities it serves, Bank of America will embark in 2009 on a new, ten-year goal to donate \$2 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the health and vitality of their neighborhoods. Funded by Bank of America, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation gave more than \$200 million in 2007, making the bank the most generous financial institution in the world and the second largest donor of all U.S. corporations in cash contributions. Bank of America approaches giving through a national strategy called "neighborhood excellence" under which it works with local leaders to identify and meet the most pressing needs of individual communities. Through Team Bank of America, bank associate volunteers contributed more than 650,000 hours in 2007 to enhance the quality of life in their communities nationwide. For more information about Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy, please visit [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation).

**About The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation**

The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation honors the memory of Andrew McDonough, a 14-year-old athlete and 'A' student from Wilmington, Delaware. Andrew went from playing four soccer games on a Saturday in January 2007 to cardiac arrest and a diagnosis of leukemia and sepsis just 48 hours later. After a valiant 167 day battle, Andrew went to Heaven on July 14, 2007. The B+ Foundation provides financial assistance to families of critically ill children, funds research into pediatric cancers and improved chemotherapy, support scholarships, and strives to keep the B+ message alive.

[www.BePositive.org](http://www.BePositive.org)

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Joe McDonough, The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, +1-302-563-8389;

[joe@livelikeandrew.org](mailto:joe@livelikeandrew.org)