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It is National Children's Week, and last week the McDonald's Brisbane Marathon Festival event organisers, Atlas Multisports were overjoyed to mark the occasion by handing over a cheque to CEO Dr John Gilmour from the event's major beneficiary, Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland (RMHCSEQ), for \$29,339.03.

This year, a total of 5035 runners took part raising over \$106,000 for charity.

Atlas Multisports managing director Jason Crowther, event director of the McDonald's Brisbane Marathon, said it was fantastic to see this kind of support in the first year since we acquired the event, and this could not have achieved this without the support of the runners and the Brisbane community.

"We see firsthand how these funds benefit the families of RMHC SEQ and what they can provide for local community groups who rely heavily on this kind of support.

"Our motivation for acquiring the event is to build the Queensland's capital city marathon to rival that of other states as an iconic capital city event." We have a long way to go but with the support of the runners, sponsors and major stakeholders we will build this event up to be one that Brisbane can be a part of and proud of." "The charity support this year gives us confidence in the fact that this event will also be used as a tool for fundraising and raise much need funds for charity and community groups."

During the presentation Dr Gilmour thanked everyone for their involvement in the event.

"On behalf of the staff, the board and especially the families of Ronald McDonald House Charities South East Queensland, we would like to say a big thank you to the team from the McDonald's Brisbane Marathon Festival for the generous support to help us keep seriously ill or injured children and their families together."

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