



## **MCDONALD'S OWNER OPERATORS OF THE CAPITAL REGION**

### **Doug and Pat Arnott**

For 20 years, Doug and Pat Arnott have been involved with McDonald's restaurants, working as a team in generous volunteerism in the community, working as a team in raising their family.

Doug and Pat moved to the Capital Region in 1988, as new owners of the Guilderland McDonald's. In the 20 years since they began operating that store, they have doubled the business in Guilderland as well as Loudonville, which they bought in 1998. In 2007, they became the new owners of the McDonald's of Brunswick and of Watervliet.

Doug, a marine engineering graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and Pat, a physics graduate of Ball State University, met in graduate school at the

University of Illinois. The two engineers started an Apple computer dealership in Minnesota and grew it to \$1.2 million business in three years. From there, they decided to become part of McDonald's. While Doug went in to McDonald's two-year training program and was Mr. Mom to the couple's three children, Pat worked at NCR as a software engineer. Training finished, the couple bought the restaurant in Guilderland.

When their son Jeremy started flying lessons, Pat, the daughter of an Air Force pilot, took the dare from her son to learn to fly. She and Doug now own three airplanes which they lease to Richmor Aviation for its flight school. In 2006, Pat flew the Associated Press to the Lake George site where the Ethan Allen capsized in order to capture photographs of the event.

In addition to leading a successful business in the Capital Region, Doug and Pat, who live in Guilderland, attend the McKownville United Methodist Church, and sent their children to the local schools, are passionate believers in volunteerism. Doug has volunteered as an engineer on a trip to Honduras with the Mercy Ships, where he uses his marine engineering skills to support the medical teams on the ship. Mercy Ships is a global charity which operates a fleet of hospital ships in developing nations, performing surgeries, treating diseases, providing dental treatment, and other medical assistance.

For many years, Pat has been the leading force in the Capital Region Tentathon, the major annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. In addition, Pat is in charge of the missions and outreach team at their church, where Doug has taught Sunday school. They contribute time and resources to the Ronald McDonald

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House of the Capital Region, as well as to schools and churches in the community.

Calling the Capital Region, “one of the nicest places we’ve ever lived,” the Arnotts do vacation away from the region as a family, indulging in scuba diving. After one vacation where all five members of the family took lessons together and now enjoy together whenever the opportunity arises.

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