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## Ronald McDonald House Charities Welcomes Bronwyn Houston to Board of Trustees

PORTLAND, ORE. May 31, 2016—Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Oregon and Southwest Washington (RMHC®), a non-profit organization that provides a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children, elected Bronwyn Houston, to serve on its board of trustees. In her role as Chief Administrative Officer of Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Bronwyn brings a wealth of healthcare and leadership experience to the board.

"Bronwyn is an energetic and passionate advocate for seriously ill children and their families and has been a long-time friend and partner to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Portland is very lucky to have her at the helm of Randall Children's Hospital, and Ronald McDonald House Charities is thrilled to have her leadership and support on our Board of Trustees," said Jessica Jarratt Miller, Chief Executive Officer of RMHC of Oregon and Southwest Washington. "In her new role, I know she will provide tremendous benefits to the board and the thousands of families we serve each year."

For more than 30 years, RMHC has served more than 34,000 families out of its two Portland-based Ronald McDonald Houses. The East House, located steps away from Randall Children's Hospital on the campus of Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, provided housing for nearly 1,000 seriously ill children and their families in 2015, hosting families for 7,684 night stays.

Bronwyn Houston joined Randall Children's Hospital in 2001 as director of children's outpatient programs. After serving twice as the hospital's interim chief administrative officer she was named chief administrative officer in February 2016. Houston was a winner of Legacy's Circle of Excellence leadership award in 2010. She has served as a member of the CARES Northwest governing board since 2001, with three terms as Board Chair, and has served the Portland Children's Museum Board as of 2016.

"I am honored to work alongside such an incredible group of leaders on the Ronald McDonald House board of directors," said Houston. "Ronald McDonald House has played a vital role in serving our patients and families for years and I look forward to collaborating on new initiatives that will allow us to serve even more families."

## About RMHC

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington® provides a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children, and supports initiatives to improve pediatric health. For more than three decades, our dedicated staff and volunteers have offered comfort and support, a well-stocked kitchen and a warm bed to more than 30,000 families. To accomplish this, we rely on the generosity of donors, community partners and the hundreds of volunteers who selflessly give to our organization every year. For more information, visit <a href="www.rmhcoregon.org">www.rmhcoregon.org</a>.