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Renovated Guests Rooms Provide Beautiful Sanctuary to Families with Seriously Ill Children *Updated rooms part of major remodel to update the 19-year-old Ronald McDonald East House*

PORTLAND, Ore. (February 26, 2015) – Five guests rooms at Portland’s Ronald McDonald East House will be a lot brighter and more comfortable as they reopen to families with seriously ill children on Friday – thanks to the generous support of local companies that have contributed time and resources. The update is part a major remodel of the 19-year-old East House, which provides a loving “home away from home” for thousands of families with seriously ill children. **Media is invited to watch the final stages of the redesign and opening of the new rooms to families today from 1 - 3:30 p.m.**

From the flooring to the ceilings, every detail has been designed to add beauty, comfort and functionality to the rooms where families stay, sometimes for months at a time. All rooms include hand-painted murals from a local artist that featuring whimsical Pacific Northwest winter scenes. Other room highlights include new flooring, furniture, LED lighting with dimmers, smart televisions, DVD players, bath fixtures and more.

“Families travel far from home to get the best care for their children, and it’s our goal to provide the most beautiful and welcoming ‘home away from home’ for families as they navigate the stress and uncertainty of having a sick child,” said Jessica Jarratt Miller, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

More than \$50,000 of materials and labor were donated to this project with Walsh Construction leading the way. Other companies that have contributed include: Ashley Furniture, Cassie Fisher Painting, Christensen Electric, Corian Countertops, Decorview, Devine Bath, Devine Color, Devine Flooring, Mr. Rooter Plumbing, Ore-Com Telecommunications, Parr Lumber, Precision countertops and Rodda Paint.

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 32,000 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 www.rmhcoregon.org.

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