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Newly Renovated Kitchen Brings New Life and Healthy Meals to Families of Seriously Ill Children

Local and national brands come together to refresh Bend's 20 year old kitchen

Bend, OR, (August 17, 2018) – Families, friends, and volunteers at our Bend Ronald McDonald House will be creating new delicacies for all to enjoy as the kitchen reopens after an extensive renovation. The newly designed kitchen brings modern updates to the 20-year-old "home away from home" – providing families a place to prepare fresh meals, share stories, and support each other while newborn babies and children receive state-of-the-art care at St. Charles Medical Center.

Over 200 volunteer hours went into the kitchen renovation with R&H Construction as the project lead. "Supporting the Ronald McDonald House from demo to completion of their new kitchen was something we were honored to be a part of," said Gary North, R&H Construction Vice President. "We are committed to giving back to the local community and volunteering at Ronald McDonald House aligns with our vision to help improve the lives of children in Central Oregon."

Other project partners included Parr Lumber, Bend Radio Group, Les Schwab, 100 Men Who Care, Keller Plumbing and Supply, Isom Stevenson Painting, Denfeld Paint, Corian, Standard TV & Appliance, Bend Electric, Fabulous Floors, Severson Plumbing, and Precision Countertops.

"Parr Lumber is proud to partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities and assist in their commitment to providing a home away from home for families with seriously ill children, said Doug Nelson, District Manager for Parr Lumber. "We are thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the newly remodeled Bend House kitchen and hope it will bring families comfort and ease during unbelievably difficult times."

Last year, our Bend Ronald McDonald House served 115 families for 1,067 nights and with our new kitchen in place, our families will be able to fill those nights with cookies, hot cocoa, and more.

For more information about the Bend House or the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & SW Washington, go to **rmhcoregon.org**.