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RMHC Golf Classic a "Hole in One" for Families with Critically Ill Children

15th Annual Charity Tournament Sets a Record for Funds Raised

PORTLAND, OR — The 2017 Ronald McDonald House Charities Golf Classic, held July 17 at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, raised a record \$267,376 — the largest yet in the event's 15-year history. More than 250 golfers took part, showing generous support for Ronald McDonald Charities of Oregon & Southwest Washington (RMHC) and its mission: to serve families with seriously ill children who stay for free at one of Oregon's three Ronald McDonald Houses.

"The success of this year's Golf Classic proves the deep commitment among our donors and supporters," said RMHC CEO Jessica Jarratt Miller. "We broke all previous records and hosted a day-long program that everyone enjoyed. This money will go a long way towards fulfilling our vision to provide compassionate hospitality for the 56 families we serve every night."

The host of six national championships, Pumpkin Ridge has presented the Golf Classic for 15 years. Between the par-71, 6,839-yard Ghost Creek and par-72, 7,017-yard private Witch Hollow courses, the 2017 event drew more golfers, more sponsors, and more prizes than ever.

Sponsors for this year's Golf Classic include The Standard; ClaimVantage; McDonald's Owners of the States Advertising Cooperative; Pacific Northwest Baking Company; Weyerhaeuser/Trus Joist; and many more. The press are invited to interview selected Ronald McDonald House Charities' board members, donors, guest families, staff, and CEO Jessica Jarratt Miller.

What: Ronald McDonald House Charities' 15th Annual Golf Classic When: Monday, July 17, 2017; 11:00 AM-6:00 PM [already occurred]

Where: Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, 12930 NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Road, North Plains, OR 97133

Online: http://rmhcoregon.org/events/rmhc-golf-classic/

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Oregon & Southwest Washington provides a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children, and supports initiatives to improve pediatric health. For more than 30 years, it has offered comfort and support to more than 35,000 families, relying on the generosity of donors, community partners, and hundreds of volunteers to achieve its mission. In 2016, across its three Oregon Ronald McDonald Houses, the organization served 1,825 families and 2,864 children for a total of 17,917 nights (each stay an average of 10 nights). For more information: rmhcoregon.org