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Ronald McDonald House Charities Hosts Annual Golf Classic

Golfers tee off at Pumpkin Ridge in support of families with seriously ill children

PORTLAND, OR — On Monday, July 17, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon & Southwest Washington (RMHC) will host its 15th Annual Golf Classic. Held at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains, the day-long tournament will raise money to support families with seriously ill children staying at no charge at Oregon's three Ronald McDonald Houses.

Since 2002, the Golf Classic has been an essential part of RMHC's fundraising program. "Every year, this event is more fun and exciting," says CEO Jessica Jarratt Miller. "We love seeing our sponsors and donors come together to support a wonderful cause and enjoy the gorgeous courses at Pumpkin Ridge. The money we raise goes a long way towards fulfilling our vision: providing compassionate hospitality for the 56 families we serve every night."

The host of six national championships, Pumpkin Ridge has presented the RMHC Golf Classic for each of its fifteen years. Nearly 300 golfers will play the par-71, 6,839-yard Ghost Creek and par-72, 7,017-yard private Witch Hollow courses. In 2016, the event drew more than 280 participants and raised more than \$250,000 — funds that helped directly support 1,825 families that stayed for a total of 17,917 nights.

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 others. The press are invited to attend, and to interview 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**

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