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New Organization Merges Charity Locations and Programs in Pittsburgh and Morgantown

PITTSBURGH – March 12, 2018 – The merger of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown has been approved. Effective January 2, 2018, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Inc. will continue to provide much needed services to each local community.

"We are excited to mark this occasion in the history of these two former Charities and how a unified Charity can better serve the families and children seeking care from the world class pediatric experts in Pittsburgh and Morgantown," said Mark Giaquinto, chair of the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. "This merged organization will provide greater efficiencies in family services. We will be able to serve more families and keep more families close."

Beginning in 2015, the two legacy organizations utilized shared leadership staff and Board of Directors. The new organization will maintain that leadership structure – led by Eleanor Reigel as the Executive Director, Dana Callier as Finance Director, Megan Skubovius as Development Director, and Becky Magnelli and Nate James as Family Services Directors. Mark Giaquinto reassumes his role as chair of the board of directors, which he also held when the merger was approved by the boards to proceed in January 2015.

"The two legacy organizations have one core mission at heart – helping children and their families lead happier, healthier and more productive lives – this remains the same," said Eleanor Reigel, Executive Director for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown. "We will create a unified, vibrant, diverse organization that builds on the strength and passion of all our programs to better serve families in need."

With the merger, the core programs of each organization will remain open. The new Charity will operate Ronald McDonald House Pittsburgh, Ronald McDonald House Morgantown, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UMPC, and the Ronald McDonald Family Room in WVU Medicine Children's Hospital. Services continue as usual at every location. No programs will be eliminated as a result of the merger, and staff reductions are not anticipated.

This is the culmination of work to integrate the two organizations that began in 2015.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown (rmhcpgh-mgtn.org)

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Inc. keeps families who must travel to the Pittsburgh and Morgantown areas together and near the pediatric medical care they need. The Charity provides family members with a place to sleep, eat, relax and find support from other families in similar situations. Last year, the Charity provided over 23,000 night stays at our Ronald McDonald Houses. In addition, the Charity operates the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC to provide convenient pediatric medical care to underserved Pittsburgh communities and the Ronald McDonald Family Room in WVU Medicine Children's Hospital to extend services to additional families receiving care at the facility. For more information, please visit rmhcpgh-mgtn.org.