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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF CENTRAL TEXAS LAUNCHES HAPPY WHEELS CART PROGRAM AT TEXAS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL NORTH AUSTIN CAMPUS

AUSTIN, TX — (October 21, 2024) — Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) celebrated the launch of the Happy Wheels Cart at Texas Children’s Hospital North Austin Campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 15. RMHC CTX operates seven Happy Wheels Carts, serving nine hospitals in the Central Texas area.

Happy Wheels Carts, powered by dedicated volunteers, are pushed through pediatric hospital hallways, delivering comfort items such as snacks, blankets, toys, books, and toiletries directly to a child’s bedside.

“At RMHC CTX, we are wholeheartedly dedicated to supporting families during some of their most challenging moments,” said Thomas Kim, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. “Our partnership with Texas Children’s Hospital enables us to extend that care even further. Through the Happy Wheels Cart, we bring comfort, joy, and much-needed relief directly to families, allowing them to focus on what matters the most—their child’s health and well-being.”

"We are incredibly grateful to launch the Happy Wheels Cart program here at Texas Children’s North Austin, providing extra moments of care and support for families," said [Russ Williams](#), Senior Vice President at Texas Children’s Hospital North Austin Campus. "This program offers a special touch that helps to ease the hospital experience for our patients and their families. It's through collaborations like this that we are able to create a more supportive and compassionate environment."

This year alone, RMHC CTX has already served over 16,300 individuals through the Happy Wheels Cart program, distributing over 24,200 comfort items to families and children in Central Texas hospitals. The Happy Wheels Cart at Texas Children’s Hospital North Austin Campus is proudly sponsored by Primrose Schools® in the Greater Austin Area.

RMHC CTX relies on the generosity of individual and corporate donors and volunteers. Email info@rmhc-ctx.org to learn more about how to get involved.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) works to improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Through the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, Happy Wheels Carts, and Healing Hearts programs, RMHC CTX provides compassionate care and resources to children and families being served by Central

Texas hospitals. RMHC CTX programs offer access to quality health care and enable family-centered care, ensuring families are fully supported and actively involved in their child's care. For more information, visit rmhc-ctx.org.

About Texas Children's

Texas Children's, a nonprofit health care organization, is committed to creating a healthier future for children and women throughout the global community by leading in patient care, education and research. Consistently ranked as the best children's hospital in Texas and among the top in the nation, Texas Children's has garnered widespread recognition for its expertise and breakthroughs in pediatric and women's health. The system includes the Texas Children's Duncan NRI; the Feigin Tower for pediatric research; Texas Children's Pavilion for Women, a comprehensive obstetrics/gynecology facility focusing on high-risk births; Texas Children's Hospital West Campus, a community hospital in suburban West Houston; Texas Children's Hospital The Woodlands, the first hospital devoted to children's care for communities north of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital North Austin, the new state-of-the-art facility providing world-class pediatric and maternal care to Austin families. The organization also created Texas Children's Health Plan, the nation's first HMO focused on children; Texas Children's Pediatrics, the largest pediatric primary care network in the country; Texas Children's Urgent Care clinics that specialize in after-hours care tailored specifically for children; and a global health program that is channeling care to children and women all over the world. Texas Children's Hospital is affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine. For more information, visit www.texaschildrens.org.