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### **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES TEAM GROWS WITH FOUR NEW EMPLOYEES**

**AUSTIN, TX (February 27, 2014)** – Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Austin and Central Texas (RMHC Austin) is pleased to announce the appointment of **R. René Carlin** as volunteer manager; **Julie Easton** as Family Room Assistant; **Tina Snider** as communications manager; and **Sarah Tacker** as business manager.

As Volunteer Manager, **René Carlin** will coordinate all individual and group volunteer activities to ensure maximum support of services provided at RMHC Austin. He will also serve as a liaison to volunteer agencies and other groups within the community to recruit new volunteers and build the volunteer network. Carlin joins the RMHC Austin team after serving as volunteer and outreach manager at BookSpring, a nonprofit organization located in Austin. Prior to BookSpring, he was the volunteer coordinator at KOOP 91.7 FM and the director of volunteer resources at the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas. Carlin earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Julie Easton** is the new family room assistant at RMHC Austin. Easton is responsible for providing support and assistance in the day-to-day operations of the three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms® that are located within St. David's Women's Center of Texas, Dell Children's Medical Center and St. David's Medical Center. Easton comes to RMHC Austin after recently relocating from Iowa where she was a forensic interviewer at St. Luke's Child Protection Center. Prior to St. Luke's, Easton was a graduate assistant at University of Northern Iowa, a social worker at Chatham Oak, Inc. and also served as house manager at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa. She earned her Masters in Social Work and Bachelor of Arts from University of Iowa.

As Communications Manager, **Tina Snider** will be responsible for developing and implementing a coordinated communications strategy to advance RMHC Austin's brand and to attract new donors and community partners. Snider recently relocated to Austin from South Florida where she served as the Director of Marketing and Communications of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Prior to the Community Foundation, she was the Marketing Director at the Achievement Centers for Children and Families Foundation in Delray Beach, Florida. Snider earned her Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University in Chicago.

**Sarah Tacker** joins the RMHC Austin team as the new Business Manager. Tacker will be responsible for the financial record keeping, administrative support, basic human resources functions and executive administration at RMHC Austin. Prior to joining RMHC Austin, Tacker was the business manager for DuPage Habitat for Humanity, one of the eight Chicagoland chapters. She also worked for several other non-profits including an arts support organization, community center and volunteer center and for-profit companies, including Case New Holland and H & R Block. Tacker has a Masters in Social Work from University of Texas at Arlington and a MBA in Finance from Purdue University.

"We are pleased to welcome René, Julie, Tina and Sarah to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas," comments Carolyn Schwarz, executive director. "Their collective experience and talents will be vital as we advance our mission of caring for the thousands of children and families that rely on our services every year."

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**About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin & Central Texas**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Through its Ronald McDonald House® and Ronald McDonald Family Room® programs, RMHC Austin provides stability and resources to families to keep them together as their critically ill or injured children receive treatment in Austin-area hospitals. The Ronald McDonald House is a 30 guest room, nurturing home-like environment and the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms are located within three Austin hospitals. For more information, visit [www.rmhc-austin.org](http://www.rmhc-austin.org).