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## Austin RONALD McDONALD HOUSE<sup>®</sup> FEELS MORE LIKE HOME WITH THE HELP OF LA-Z-BOY COMFORT

Seventeen pieces of new furniture donated since 2011 from La-Z-Boy, Official Furniture Provider of Ronald McDonald House Charities<sup>®</sup> (RMHC<sup>®</sup>)

AUSTIN, Texas, May 21, 2013 – The Austin Ronald McDonald House just got more comfortable thanks to a La-Z-Boy<sup>®</sup> furniture donation from the Austin La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries store. Two Leah Queen Sleep Sofas were donated, which will be used to reinvigorate two family guest rooms, making a total of seventeen sofas donated to the Ronald McDonald House in the last two years. The newly donated furnishings will create an even more comfortable atmosphere for the families of sick and injured children staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

"The arrival of these new furniture pieces will help further our mission to provide a warm and welcoming interim home for families in need," said Derrick Lesnau, Director of Programs at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas. "We are very grateful to have a community partner like La-Z-Boy that shares our dedication to comfort."

La-Z-Boy is the official furniture provider of Ronald McDonald House programs and Ronald McDonald Family Room<sup>®</sup> programs nationwide. The La-Z-Boy contribution to RMHC Global includes annual furniture donations, as well as a cash contribution and volunteer efforts. Over the past three years this has added up to thousands of pieces of furniture nationwide, consisting of stationary and motion sofas, loveseats and sectionals, occasional tables and other wood furniture, as well as ottomans, accent chairs and, of course, recliners.

"The Austin Ronald McDonald House has shown an incredible commitment to serving families of ill and injured children by providing a comfortable 'home-away-from-home' when it's needed most," said Lew Brown, owner of the La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries stores in Austin. "We hope that this new furniture can contribute in a small way to the sense of comfort and tranquility that RMHC Austin provides to families every day."

## About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas (RMHC Austin), a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. **The Ronald McDonald House in Austin**, with its 30 guest rooms for families, provides lodging and support services in a nurturing, home-like environment where families stay together while caring for their critically ill or injured children receiving treatment in Austin-area hospitals. **Austin's three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms** are places of rest and support within the walls of area hospitals for families with children in the intensive care units. These three Family Rooms are located inside St. David's Medical Center, Dell Children's Medical Center, and St. David's Women's Center of Texas. For more information, visit <u>www.rmhc-austin.org</u> or follow us on Twitter (@RMHCAustin) and Facebook (Facebook.com/rmhcaustin).

## About La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries

The Austin La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, which offer a wide selection of great-looking, up-to-date, customizable furniture, are located at 9900 N Interstate 35 Frontage Road, Austin, manager Teresa Boroski; and the newest location at 100 Teravista Parkway, Round Rock, manager Joe Roberson. For more information, contact 512-614-3110 or visit www.la-z-boy.com.