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**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES®
CELEBRATES NEW SETON MEDICAL CENTER AUSTIN FAMILY ROOM**

AUSTIN, Texas – (May 26, 2015) – Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) celebrated the opening of its fourth Ronald McDonald Family Room with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 7. The expansion of services will support families with critically ill and injured children who are hospitalized at Seton Medical Center Austin. The Family Room opened to families on May 26.

Ronald McDonald Family Rooms are comforting havens located in Central Texas hospitals. Typically located near the neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), these spaces offer families a nurturing place to rest and regroup while staying close to their hospitalized children.



The Seton Medical Center Austin Family Room is RMHC CTX's fourth Family Room to open in Central Texas. As the largest Family Room, the space is 1,800 square feet with a living room, kitchen/dining area, four bedrooms, two full baths, laundry facilities and a tranquility room. Families also have access to computers, the Internet and a children's play area. While primarily serving parents of newborn children in the NICU, the Family Room will be available to all families with children being cared for at Seton.

"For Seton Medical Center Austin, our partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities helps us provide what we call "Humancare. Our two organizations share similar missions to help patients and families in need," said Kate Henderson, president of Seton Medical Center Austin. "Families with children in intensive care need to get the rest they need to be strong for their children. Our new Ronald McDonald Family Room gives them a place to regroup while staying close to their children's bedsides."

"Our partnership with Seton Medical Center Austin will allow RMHC CTX to care for and comfort thousands of families whose lives have changed when their child is hospitalized," comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. "Working together with Seton, we can give families what they need so they can focus on the most important thing – their child's healing.

The Seton Medical Center Austin Family Room was generously supported by the Seton Healthcare Family Foundation; Friends of the House, a young professional group supporting RMHC CTX; EZCORP, Texas Star Foundation, Insight, Lola Wright Foundation and the Raymond & Vivian Todd Endowment Fund at Austin Community Foundation.

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