



## WATERLOO DISC GOLF CLUB HITS \$100,000 MILESTONE TO SUPPORT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

**AUSTIN, TX (November 19, 2015)** – On the weekend of October 16-18, during their 38th Annual Waterloo Disc Golf Classic held at Austin’s historic Hancock Golf Course, the Waterloo Disc Golf Club surpassed donations of over \$100,000 to support Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX). Since 1998, the Annual Waterloo Disc Golf Classic tournament has supported families that rely on RMHC CTX’s “home-away-from-home” while their children heal in the hospital. This year’s event raised \$9,400 bringing the total cash donations to RMHC CTX to \$107,943. This is in addition to the in-kind donations of household goods and toys plus nearly a half million aluminum can tabs.

Many years ago, Waterloo Disc Golf Club chose to support RMHC CTX because they provided a great service to the community. In addition, the Ronald McDonald House was once located in a corner of Waterloo Park in downtown Austin, the site of the annual tournament from 1978 - 2011.

During its first year of supporting RMHC CTX in 1998, at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Waterloo Dich Golf Classic, the tournament raised \$1,754 and the amount has steadily increased. Money raised at the tournaments come from a portion of the entry fees, silent auctions, raffle, putting games, tournament sponsors and donations from players.

“We had no idea back in 1998 that we would raise over \$100,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas,” says Gordon Maxim-Kelley, president of Waterloo Disc Golf Club. “We thought \$1,000 or so per year would be amazing. All the money we raise at the event is because our community comes together to support, sponsor, donate or do whatever they can to help.”

“We are so grateful to the Waterloo Disc Golf Club for supporting our families who rely on our services while their children heal,” says Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer of RMHC CTX. “This amazing event and their support truly makes a difference on how we care for our families – especially now since we are experiencing more demand for help. We are proud to be their charity partner.”

For more information about Waterloo Disc Golf Club, visit [www.austindiscgolf.org](http://www.austindiscgolf.org); for more information about RMHC CTX, visit [www.rmhc-ctx.org](http://www.rmhc-ctx.org).

