

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES®
CELEBRATES OPENING OF SECOND RONALD MCDONALD FAMILY ROOM**

BRYAN, TX – (January 17, 2018) – Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) celebrated the opening of the Ronald McDonald Family Room at College Station Medical Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 12. This is the second Ronald McDonald Family Room in the Brazos Valley to support families with critically ill and injured children. The Family Room is now open to families with hospitalized children, age 21 and under.



The Ronald McDonald Family Room allows families to rest and regroup in a comforting environment while always being steps away from their hospitalized child. Typically located near the neonatal intensive care units (NICU), the Family Room provides families a place to recharge, grab a bit to eat, shower or sleep so they can stay strong for their children.



The Family Room at College Station Medical Center is RMHC CTX's sixth Family Room in Central Texas. The space is 1,000 square feet and includes a living room, kitchen/dining area, two bedrooms, full bath, laundry facilities, children's play area, tranquility room, technology station and patio.

"We are thrilled to partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas to bring a Family Room to the Med as a place of comfort for families with hospitalized children," comments America Farrell, chief executive officer at College Station Medical Center. "The Ronald McDonald Family Room is a testimony to our continuing improvement of our healthcare community and availability of advanced services."

"Together with College Station Medical Center, we can help Brazos Valley families stay close through the biggest challenge of their lives," comments Carolyn Schwarz, chief executive officer at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. "Our partnership with the Med supports our families' basic needs by providing them a place to sleep, a comforting meal, a place to shower or to wash their clothes so they can focus on their children's healthcare."

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