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## Arch Manning donates proceeds from first 1-of-1 trading card to Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central Texas

More than \$100,000 will benefit the Central Texas nonprofit in collaboration with St. David's HealthCare and St. David's Foundation

AUSTIN, Texas—St. David's HealthCare, St. David's Foundation and Arch Manning announced today the proceeds from the sale of Manning's first 1-of-1 Prizm Black autographed Panini America trading card totaling \$102,500 will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. Manning, who is in his first season as a quarterback at The University of Texas at Austin, collaborated with St. David's HealthCare and St. David's Foundation to support his first donation during his college football career. The donation will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities' Central Texas programs serving children in area hospitals and their families.

"Helping children is something that has always been important to my family, and when a child is sick, there's nothing more comforting than being near the people who love you," Arch Manning, said. "Ronald McDonald House helps families with a child in the hospital by keeping them together. This donation will support Central Texas children and families during a challenging time in their lives."

Manning announced the donation during a press conference at St. David's North Austin Medical Center. He also toured the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and visited with former patients and their families who received services from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas.

"When we heard that Arch wanted to donate the proceeds from the sale of his trading card to a Central Texas nonprofit, we were happy to help," Denise Bradley, vice president of marketing and corporate affairs at St. David's HealthCare, said. "We engaged St. David's Foundation to help Arch fulfill his wishes of donating to a nonprofit that serves children and their families, and I can't think of a more relevant cause than Ronald McDonald House."

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas provides vital resources and compassionate care to children and their families being served by Central Texas hospitals. The organization's programs include the Ronald McDonald House in East

Austin, seven Ronald McDonald Family Rooms in area hospitals, the Healing Hearts bereavement program and Happy Wheels Carts that bring complimentary comfort items to families waiting by their child's bedside.

"We are incredibly honored to be the first nonprofit that Arch has donated to during his college football career," Derrick Lesnau, interim CEO and COO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas, said. "As our hospital partners expand their advanced specialty care and our Central Texas population continues to grow, we have consistently been beyond our capacity at the Ronald McDonald House, turning away six out of every 10 families who need us because our House is so full. Generous gifts like Arch's make a significant impact on our programs and the families we serve."

A native of New Orleans, Manning was one of the nation's most sought-after football recruits. Currently in his freshman season at The University of Texas, Manning is the grandson of Archie Manning and nephew of Peyton and Eli Manning, all of whom had legendary careers as NFL quarterbacks.

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## St. David's HealthCare

St. David's HealthCare includes eight of the area's leading hospitals and is one of the largest health systems in Texas. The organization has been recognized with a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest presidential honor for performance excellence. St. David's HealthCare is the fourth-largest private employer in the Austin area, with more than 11,400 colleagues across more than 180 sites of care.

St. David's HealthCare is a unique partnership between hospital management company HCA Healthcare and two local nonprofits—<u>St. David's Foundation</u> and <u>Georgetown Health Foundation</u>. The proceeds from the operations of the hospitals fund the foundations, which, in turn, invest those dollars back into the community. Since the inception of St. David's HealthCare in 1996, more than \$864 million has been given back to the community to improve the health and healthcare of Central Texans.

## St. David's Foundation

St. David's Foundation is one of the largest health foundations in the United States, funding over \$80 million annually in a five-county area surrounding Austin, Texas. Through a unique partnership with St. David's HealthCare, proceeds from the hospital system are reinvested back into local communities with a goal of fostering health equity in Central Texas through strategic investments and action. This work is grounded in listening to and learning from the community to better understand Central Texas' health needs – particularly among historically-underserved populations.

Beyond grantmaking, the Foundation operates the largest mobile dental program in the country providing highly accessible, quality oral healthcare and offers the largest healthcare scholarship program in Texas, the St. David's Neal Kocurek Program.

## **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas (RMHC CTX) works to improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Through the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, Happy Wheels Carts and Healing Hearts programs, RMHC CTX provides compassionate care and resources to children and families being served by Central Texas hospitals. RMHC CTX programs offer access to quality health care and enable family-centered care, ensuring families are fully supported and actively involved in their child's care. Visit *rmhc-ctx.org* to learn more.