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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of CNY Celebrates 35 Years of Keeping Families Together

Community members invited to attend Many Hearts One Home Celebration

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York is celebrating its 35th anniversary and inviting community members to attend its Many Hearts One Home Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the SRC Arena and Events Center. The annual event, now in its 16th year, helps raise much-needed funds to support the many guest families who rely on the CNY Ronald McDonald House each year as a place to stay together when they are going through the unthinkable.

Since opening its doors on Thanksgiving Day in 1982, the CNY Ronald McDonald House has served as a temporary home for thousands of families who travel to Syracuse from across New York state and northern Pennsylvania, and in some cases, foreign countries. The House provides the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, and support and compassion all while keeping families whose children are seriously ill or injured close to Syracuse-area hospitals and medical centers.

Over the past 35 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY has grown significantly, most notably when the organization expanded into its new House in 2012. The larger, fully accessible home has allowed the nonprofit to meet the diverse needs of guest families and offer expanded services to accommodate even more families in need. Since opening the new House, the organization has seen a significant increase in its occupancy rate, and in 2016, more than 2,300 family members stayed at the House.

“For 35 years we’ve been fortunate to be able to help keep families exactly where they belong... Together,” said Beth Trunfio, executive director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York. “After all this time, we continue to rely on the generosity of the community to support the services we provide. With more families to serve, events like our Many Hearts One Home Celebration have become more important for us in order to help raise the necessary funds to care for families in crisis.

Tickets for the Many Hearts One Home Celebration can be purchased online at rmhcny.org or by calling (315) 476-1027. Community members are invited to join the organization and this year’s honorary event chairs, Bob and Caryn Galusha, to enjoy live and silent auctions, cocktails and food stations. Cocktail attire is suggested. The evening’s premier sponsor is Northwestern Mutual.

To learn more about Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY and ways to get involved, visit rmhcny.org.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York operates the CNY Ronald McDonald House 24 hours a day, year-round for families whose children are hospitalized with serious illnesses or injuries. For just \$25 a night per family, the House provides the convenience of a comfortable room and warm bed, a home-cooked meal, and support and compassion. The fully accessible CNY Ronald McDonald House allows the organization to help keep even more families with seriously ill children together. In 2017, the nonprofit organization celebrates its 35th anniversary. For more information or to donate, visit rmhcny.org.

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