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**Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Central New York
Welcomes New Team Member**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York has hired **Emily Whalen**, of Syracuse, New York, as volunteer manager.

Whalen is responsible for helping manage the organization's growing volunteer program, including overseeing current volunteers and recruiting new volunteers to support ongoing House programs and annual fundraising events. She will also provide additional support on guest services, events and administrative duties.

Prior to joining Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York, Whalen gained experience as marketing director at Empire Brewing Co. and as catering manager at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que. She has a bachelor's degree in communications from the State University of New York at Cortland.

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 celebrated its 35th anniversary. For more information or to donate, visit rmhcny.org.

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