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New Ronald McDonald Family Room at UISFCH Brings Comfort to Families of Critically Ill & Injured Children

Iowa City, Iowa (May 25, 2017)— Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (RMHC-EIWI) celebrated the grand opening of the Ronald McDonald Family Room at University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital (UISFCH) on Wednesday, May 24. The service—open to all families with a child being treated in the hospital’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit—is designed to serve as a “home away from home” for visiting families.

The Ronald McDonald Family Room at UISFCH is made up of five distinct spaces: The Family Room Proper, which includes a kitchenette, dining area and living room; the Family Shower Suite; a Family Sleep Room for overnight stays; a Parent Respite Room; and a Lounge with snacks and basic services provided 24/7. The Family Room also serves fresh, homemade dinners every night, prepared by volunteers.

“By the time a parent steps foot in the Ronald McDonald Family Room, they’re exhausted,” says RMHC Executive Director Barbara Dee Werning. “After spending a stressful day surrounded by equipment and doctors, it’s invaluable to have a quiet, home-like space where you can get away from the chaos and take care of yourself. We’re incredibly proud to provide this amazing resource, not only to our community, but to guests of our community who want the best for their child.”

More information about the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Stead Family Children’s Hospital can be found at <http://rmhc-eiwi.org/what-we-do/family-room-uisfch/>.

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Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois keeps families close to each other and the care they need, when they need it most. Learn more at rmhc-eiwi.org.

