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Shannon Greene named New Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois

Iowa City, IA – The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (RMHC-EIWI) Board of Directors is delighted to announce that the search for a new executive director is complete. Shannon Greene will be assuming the helm at this critical point in RMHC-EIWI's 35-year history.

"The board is excited to have Shannon transition into this role. Shannon's passion and dedication to RMHC – EIWI shines through everything she does. You do not have to look far to see how much she cares for all staff, families, and the mission," said Jamie Henderson, RMHC-EIWI Board President. "I speak on behalf of the board when I say, we look forward to the years ahead with Shannon's leadership."

Ms. Greene joined RMHC-EIWI in January of 2016 as the Operations Director. Prior to joining RMHC-EIWI, she served as Community Project Manager for the Blue Zones Project® of Iowa City and the Vice President for Prelude Behavioral Services. Ms. Greene earned her master's degree from the University of Iowa and has lived and worked in the Iowa City area for 25 years.

"I am proud to be a part of RMHC-EIWI and its strong history of caring for families with sick children," said Shannon Greene. "This is an amazing organization, and this is an exciting time for us. We're celebrating our 35th anniversary, upgrading our facilities, and continuing to serve families through this pandemic. I look forward to this opportunity to lead as we continue to grow our programs and improve our services."

Ms. Greene has been serving as interim Executive Director since Barbara Werning resigned in late June to accept a new position in Cedar Rapids. Greene has been instrumental in leading the organization through the 2020 pandemic as well can keeping the renovations moving forward.

RMHC-EIWI provides housing, food, laundry, and support through its 2 core programs: the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City and the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and at UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. With 11 full time staff and 26 part time staff, the organization serves thousands of families each year from across Iowa and the United States, as well as 68 foreign countries since its founding.