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LOVE AND HOPE MARK FIRST YEAR AT PASADENA RONALD McDONALD HOUSE®

PASADENA, Calif. (Feb. 12, 2005) – Love and hope for the future was found in abundance at the First Anniversary celebration of the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House® (PRMH) which was also marked by a room dedication by the LA Financial Credit Union and a special family reunion. The PRMH is located near Huntington Memorial Hospital and provides low-cost, and often free, lodging for up to seven families each night whose children are undergoing treatment for serious illnesses and injuries at nearby medical facilities. Nearly 130 families were served during the House’s inaugural year.

The House is among four other Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southern California (RMHCSC) programs located in Loma Linda, Los Angeles and Orange, as well as Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times®—a sleep-away experience for children with cancer in Idyllwild.

“For nearly 25 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California has strongly demonstrated its commitment to serving children and families during times of need,” stated Jon Meyers, CEO, RMHCSC. “Since opening the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House last year, we continue to be in awe of the outpouring of support our neighbors have provided for these special families. We are thankful for the hundreds of individuals and corporations who continue to help us ensure our door is always open.”

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The anniversary festivities included a special room dedication by Pasadena-based LA Financial Credit Union which donated \$10,000 to PRMH to name the “Light Room” – the guest room which receives the most natural light in the House. Resident families were also joined by Ronald McDonald, in addition to representatives from RMHCSC and McDonald’s® restaurants.

Built in 1912 for the daughters of former Governor Henry Markham by renowned architect John Connors, the Craftsman-style residence offers a restful and supportive environment for families during a traumatic time in their, and their child’s, lives. By providing a place to stay, and alleviating the stress of sleeping on cots at the hospital or incurring additional housing expenses, families are better able to focus on their child’s care.

Funds to maintain and operate the House are raised through the coordinated efforts of the volunteer PRMH board of trustees. RMHCSC, as well as various local corporations including the McDonald’s Operators’ Association of Southern California, foundations, small businesses and individuals provide additional funding.

LA Financial Credit Union is a full-service, federally insured, community credit union available to anyone who lives, works, volunteers, attends school or worships in Los Angeles County, California. Originally chartered in 1937, the \$287 million Credit Union is headquartered in Pasadena, California.

The Pasadena Ronald McDonald House is a program of RMHCSC, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that improves the health and well-being of children in Southern California by developing, nurturing and increasing awareness of its lodging and wellness programs as well as supporting community organizations serving the needs of these children. RMHCSC is supported by individual contributions and by many local businesses and community organizations.