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**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF SAN DIEGO EXPANDS
TO ACCOMMODATE LOCAL GROWTH**

SAN DIEGO (April 5, 2007) – Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego (RMHC-SD) will expand with the construction of a new San Diego Ronald McDonald House. The new House will cover ten times the square footage of the current House and will have four times the capacity. With a constant occupancy rate of more than 100 percent, the need for a larger House stems from the growth in specialized pediatric care in the San Diego area, specifically in the fields of hematology and oncology. ☉ ☉

Groundbreaking for the new House is scheduled for January 2008 with completion and move-in by March 2009. The House will be located at 3020 Children's Way, across the street from Rady Children's Hospital. Situated on a three acre parcel of land, the 39,623 square-foot House will include 47 family-sized bedrooms with private baths. Six bedrooms will feature specially-designed HEPA filtration ☉ systems to meet the needs of high-risk patients. In May 2007, RMHC-SD will spearhead a Capital Campaign to raise \$25 million to cover construction costs for the new House and increasing day-to-day operational costs of the larger facility.

"As San Diego continues to be a resource and destination for top pediatric care, we (RMHC-SD) must also expand to accommodate the many families in need," said RMHC-SD Executive Director, Larry Donofrio. "Our goal is to continue to provide stability and a sense of normalcy for families whose lives have been turned upside-down by their child's medical crisis."

The new House will be centered on an interior courtyard, designed to resemble a bustling city street. Indoor amenities include a kitchen with nine cook stations, a 75-seat dining room, three laundry rooms, four television and snack rooms, child and adolescent game rooms, a computer lab, a library, a school classroom, a faith room, a workout facility and executive office space. Outdoor amenities include, two ☉ ☉ exterior play areas with a sandbox, play sets, a grassy area, a basketball court, a barbeque area and a two-tier amphitheater.

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Project management is being supervised by 4G Development and Consulting. Additional project teams include, Joseph Wong Design Associates, Burkett and Wong Engineers, Project Design Consultants, Randall Lamb Associates, Shadpour Consulting Engineers and Food Service Design Group.

The current San Diego Ronald McDonald House operates as a “home away from home” for families with children being treated at San Diego medical facilities. Since opening its doors in 1980, the House has provided more than 100,000 nights of lodging for more than 10,000 families with children facing life-threatening medical issues including cancer, leukemia and cardiac conditions. The House operates at 100 percent capacity twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year and provides temporary lodging, food, educational programs and other services to families in need at no cost to the family.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego (RMHC-SD) is to better the lives of families and children in medical crisis by operating the San Diego Ronald McDonald House and supporting other partner not-for-profit organizations throughout San Diego County. Through the operation of the San Diego Ronald McDonald House and grant-giving efforts, RMHC-SD is able to support McDonald's Restaurant founder Ray Kroc's philosophy to help "lift kids to a better tomorrow". For more information, please visit www.rmhc.org.

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