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THUNDERBIRDS CHARITIES AWARDS \$10,000 TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June xx, 2009): Thunderbirds Charities, whose mission is to assist families, children and others in need in Arizona communities, has awarded the Ronald McDonald House Charities \$25,550, which will provide 7 families, who cannot afford the requested \$10 nightly contribution, a temporary home for an entire year.

“Whether the economy is good or bad, when children need medical care, a family should not have to focus on anything else,” said Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Nancy Roach. “The grant from Thunderbirds Charities means that families from across Arizona will have one less thing to worry about: where to stay and how to pay for it.”

The two Ronald McDonald Houses in Phoenix – the original house at 501 E. Roanoke Ave. and the newest house on the grounds of Phoenix Children’s Hospital that opened almost a year ago – provide a home-away-from-home for families who must travel to the Valley for their children’s medical treatment. Each of the houses offers comfortable rooms for the family to stay together, meals, living rooms and the chance to be with other families in similar situations.

“The Ronald McDonald House provides a tremendous service and incredible support for these families during times that most of us cannot even begin to understand,” said John Felix. “We are very pleased to make their lives a little easier and relieve some of their stress.”

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