

## Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida

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## **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida Executive Director Judy Burns Announces Retirement**



*Judy Burns*

March 12, 2021– Pensacola, FL— Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida (RMHC-NWFL) Executive Director, Judy Burns, has announced her plans to retire in May of this year. She has been at the helm at Ronald McDonald House for ten years and recently completed a major expansion.

Under her leadership, the charity built its first Ronald McDonald Family Room in Studer Family Children's Hospital. With a focus on delivering compassionate family care during her tenure, Burns led the House in providing comfort and support to over 10,000 families. "It has been my great honor to serve an organization so deeply committed to serving children and families at a time when they truly need it most," said Burns. "Our dedicated staff, board, volunteers and community partners provide this haven for families every day, reducing the stress and financial burden families must face when they have a sick child. I am proud and honored to have been a part of this organization."

Prior to joining RMHC-NWFL, Burns spent nearly 10 years with Autism Pensacola, where she started Kids for Camp, a camp for children with autism. Before her work with Autism Pensacola, Judy spent 16 years with Southern California Edison in various roles, rising to senior management in Customer Service.

Over the next month, RMHC-NWFL's Board of Directors will conduct a search for her successor and Burns will focus on ensuring a smooth and successful transition for the charity. "On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to thank Judy for her dedicated leadership, passion for families with children needing medical care, and ten years of service to the charity," said David Deliman, Chairman, RMHC-NWFL Board of Directors, "Judy's leadership has grown the number of families we can serve, as well as the financial and organizational strength of our charity. I am confident that under our next leader, we will continue to expand our service to families of children with critical medical needs, ensuring they are fully supported throughout their health care journey."

**An Executive Director search committee has been formed. Interested applicants can find the position description and application on our website at [rmhc-nwfl.org/employment-application.php](http://rmhc-nwfl.org/employment-application.php).** Applications are being accepted through March 26, 2021.

#### **About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida**

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida is to love and support families of children with medical needs by giving them a place to stay together and call home. We do this through the Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald Family Room. Since first opening its doors in 1984, the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida has been a lifeline of hope for families. The Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald Family Room are able to continue their mission with the assistance of a dedicated staff, faithful volunteers and through the generosity of the community. For more information, visit [www.RMHC-NWFL.Org](http://www.RMHC-NWFL.Org) or find us on Facebook ([www.Facebook.com/RMHCNorthwestFL](http://www.Facebook.com/RMHCNorthwestFL)).

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