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RTA Architects Selected to Lead the Design of the New Southern Colorado Ronald McDonald House

Colorado Springs, Colo. (May 16, 2018) – RTA Architects – an award-winning Colorado Springs-based architectural and interior design firm – is pleased to announce that it has been selected to lead the design of the new Southern Colorado Ronald McDonald House which will be located on the corner of North Union Blvd. and Royal Pine Dr., on the same medical campus as the new Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs and University of Colorado Health (UCH) Memorial Hospital North. The new Ronald McDonald House will initially be able to accommodate 20 families with the ability to expand to 30 families.

The need for a larger Ronald McDonald House reflects the growing pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit services in Colorado Springs. The new Southern Colorado Ronald McDonald House is anticipated to be approximately 25,000 square feet with 20 family suites, a manager suite, two full kitchens and dining room, a children's play area, a teen room, a family room, and numerous support spaces. Outdoor amenities include respite areas, walking paths, a children's play area, a half-basketball court, and a patio with outdoor seating and a barbeque grill.

Beth Alessio, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado, stated, "Having RTA Architects and the caliber of design they bring to the creation of the new Ronald McDonald House is of great importance to our Charity. We are excited to work alongside RTA's team, together ensuring each space within the new House is developed with full consideration given to the growing number of families we serve."

RTA Principal Paul Reu, AIA, commented, "The Ronald McDonald House fills a great need for families of critically ill children in the communities of Southern Colorado. We are honored to be a part of expanding this facility which is impactful to so many."

Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2018, with completion early in the second quarter of 2019.

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About Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado, Inc. (RMHCSC) was incorporated in the state of Colorado on December 5, 1985, and opened its doors to families of seriously ill children on February 14, 1987. We fulfill our mission of lifting children and families in need to a better tomorrow through operation of sustainable programs that enable family-centered care, bridge access to quality health care, are a vital part of the health care continuum and strengthen families during difficult times. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado's website can be found at www.rmhcs.org.

About RTA Architects

RTA Architects has created award winning architectural and interior designs for the Colorado built environment since 1975. RTA specializes in education, healthcare, retail, and commercial properties, delivering beautiful buildings that serve the unique needs of their owners and occupants. In addition to our core strength of architecture and design for new construction, renovation, and adaptive re-use projects, RTA provides technical expertise in a broad range of related services including: feasibility studies; site selection and comparative analysis; master planning; site planning; facility programming; interior design; and environmental graphics, signage and way-finding. RTA's website is located at www.rtaarchitects.com.

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