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Ronald McDonald House® Mid-Missouri
Announces New Executive Director

Ronald McDonald House Mid-Missouri has selected Christina Eberhard Devine as its new Executive Director effective December 1st. Devine succeeds Terri Gray who announced her retirement earlier this year. "Terri Gray has been an exceptional leader who has consistently met the needs of our local community, as well as the individual needs of families across the 83 counties served in year 2025," Devine said.

As Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Mid-Missouri, Devine will provide overall leadership to the organization, ensuring consistent achievement of the organization's mission and financial objectives. "Christina's experience and skill set were exactly what we were looking for in our next executive director," said Lindsey Jones, president of the Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors. "Having served on our Board and as a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House made her the ideal candidate."

Devine said her top priority in the next year will be to work with community partners to identify innovative solutions to meet the growing needs of families in Mid-Missouri. "The importance of working with individual communities and providers to identify and remove barriers for families seeking health care services for their children is an essential step to ensuring that each child achieves their best health care outcome," Devine added.

Growing up in Columbia, Devine is passionate about supporting individuals and families encountering health challenges. Devine graduated from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri with a degree in Biology and attained her law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law. Following years in private practice advocating for individuals with disabilities, Devine joined Boone County Family Resources in 2018, serving as general counsel then as Compliance Director. "It has been my honor to serve individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Boone County over the past 8 years, and I am thrilled to expand opportunities for families with children facing medical challenges throughout the mid-Missouri area," Devine said.

The purpose of Ronald McDonald House is to care for families with children who are ill or injured by providing essential serves that remove barriers, strengthen families and promote healing when children need healthcare.

The **Ronald McDonald House** serves as a home away from home for families of children being treated at area hospitals and health-related facilities; the **Ronald McDonald House Family Room** offers a quiet respite within MU Health Care Children's Hospital where parents and caregivers can take a break from their child's bedside; and through the **Lunch on the House** program, nutritious lunches are distributed to families who have a child being treated at Children's Hospital, Boone Hospital, or the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment.

In 2025, families stayed 6,096 nights at the Ronald McDonald House; more than 3,080 individuals used the Ronald McDonald House Family Room; and over 12,936 healthy sack lunches were distributed through the Lunch on the House program, all at no cost to families.