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Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville Forever Grateful to Leading Supporter and Philanthropist Mary Virginia Terry

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — (Nov. 2, 2022) Mary Virginia Terry, a leading supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 29, in Jacksonville, Florida. Mary Virginia and Herman Terry made a transformational and lasting impact on philanthropy throughout the city of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Terry was a leading figure in the arts, education, and health care in the Jacksonville community. She was on the women's board of directors of the Wolfson Children's Hospital, and the boards of the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, the Women's Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony, St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation, and the Mayo Clinic Florida Leadership Council.

In 1988, after seeing the need for a place for families to stay as their children received treatment at a local hospital, Mary Virginia and Herman Terry helped launch the initial capital campaign to bring a Ronald McDonald House to Jacksonville. Since that time, they have supported the Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville through multiple capital campaigns to accommodate the increasing need of rooms for families.

In 1993, the Ronald McDonald Family Room opened on the 5th floor of Wolfson Children's Hospital. This addition to the hospital was made possible through the generosity of Mary Virginia and Herman Terry. In 2008, when the Family Room was moved near the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Mary Virginia Terry stepped up again with a gracious contribution.

The Terry Family Campus at the current Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville is named in honor of Mary Virginia and Herman Terry's commitment for serving families of sick children.

David Shaffer, CEO of RMHC of Jacksonville shared "Mrs. Terry was a generous and caring woman. She had a tremendous impact on our organization and the entire Jacksonville community. She will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered."

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville is forever grateful for Mary Virginia Terry's tremendous impact and support of families of critically ill children.

About RMHC

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®), is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Through a global network of more than 260 Chapters in over 60 countries and regions, RMHC enables, facilitates and supports family-centered care through three core programs: the Ronald McDonald House®, the Ronald McDonald Family Room® and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®. RMHC programs help families with ill or injured children stay together and near leading hospitals and health care services worldwide, ensuring they have access to the medical care their child needs while fully supported and actively involved in their child's care. For more information, visit RMHC.org.

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