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### **Washington Trust Bank Endowment at Innovia Foundation Provides \$200,000 Donor-Advised Grant to Ronald McDonald House Charities**

SPOKANE, WA, October 2019 — Innovia Foundation announced a \$200,000 donor-advised grant from the Washington Trust Bank Endowment to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest (RMHC). Historically, this is one of Innovia's largest donor-advised grants.

This grant will support the new \$14.5 million Ronald McDonald House presently under construction, expected to be finished in January 2020. It will feature 34 guest rooms, adding to the current Ronald McDonald House's 22 rooms, bringing the total number of available guest rooms to 56. RMHC provides temporary housing for families of children who are receiving medical treatment at a hospital more than 40 miles from their home.

Ronald McDonald House of Spokane was founded in 1982. The first House opened in 1987 with 14 guest rooms. It offers families proximity to their child, access to services, including prepared meals and playrooms for children and, most importantly, the ability to focus solely on their child's health.

"We chose to support Ronald McDonald House Charities because of how they provide for families in our region and the impact they have on our community," said Washington Trust Bank COO Jack Heath. "Our essence, Watrustology, focuses on creating long-term prosperity for our clients, and RMHC's mission and vision to provide resources for children and their families aligns with that."

"Our role in the Inland Northwest is to create vibrant and sustainable communities where every person has the opportunity to thrive," said Innovia Foundation CEO Shelly O'Quinn. "We are committed to working with Washington Trust Bank and other corporate partners to honor and enhance the impact of their charitable giving."

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Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities so that every person has the opportunity to thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, we partner with people who want to make our world better. We work together to address and solve our region's problems, help those in need, identify and respond to our greatest opportunities and leave a lasting impact. Each year, Innovia Foundation invests nearly \$7 million into our communities through grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and local students.