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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Provides Area Ronald McDonald House Much Needed Financial Support

Demand outgrows availability; larger house needed

AIKEN, S.C. (Nov. 15, 2011) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) has donated \$10,000 and a special gift to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Augusta.

Located on Greene Street in downtown Augusta, Ga., RMHC of Augusta was built in the 1800's and, on average, houses 11 families from outside the Augusta area at any one time. The highest percentage of patients associated with RMHC of Augusta are babies in Georgia Health Sciences Children's Medical Center neonatal care unit or children receiving critical care either at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center or pediatric units within local hospitals.

"It's come to our attention that the Ronald McDonald House of Augusta is facing a severe shortage of space to assist an ever growing need," said Clif Webb, SRNS Vice President, Corporate Communications. "As a company, we're just not willing to look the other way. We want to help this outstanding charitable organization."

According to RMHC Executive Director Betts Murdison, 542 families were assisted by RMHC in 2010. Unfortunately, 85 families were forced



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), LLC presented a check for \$10,000 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Augusta. SRNS Vice President of Corporate Communications, Clif Webb (right) presented a large gift basket with items for families at the Ronald McDonald House and a check for \$10,000 to Betts Murdison, RMHC Executive Director. Also attending the event were current families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, as well as members of the RMHC Foundation Board and staff.

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to stay in Augusta hotels last year due to lack of available accommodations at the Ronald McDonald House and because the house is not handicapped accessible. In total, 997 adults and 441 children stayed at RMHC of Augusta in 2010.

“This non-profit organization provides basic needs for families while their child is in critical care,” said Murdison. “We’re not considered a shelter. A minimum donation of \$20 is requested for each night’s stay, though no family is ever turned away for an inability to pay. Keep in mind, the normal operating cost per day, per family is \$79.”

Murdison added that RMHC of Augusta promotes a warm “Bed and Breakfast” atmosphere, where families can be close to the hospital and receive emotional support, versus a typical hotel room far from the hospital district.

RMHC of Augusta is in the process of starting a capital campaign to fund a new house to be built near Georgia Health Sciences University. They anticipate moving within 18-24 months to a larger house.

According to Murdison, SRNS’s donation will keep the water and electrical bills paid. “Success on a daily basis at the Ronald McDonald House can be summarized as everyone being tucked in at the end of the day,” said Murdison.

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