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**TO: Ronald McDonald House of Dallas**

**DALLAS SERVICE FORUM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF DALLAS**

Founded in 1977, Dallas Service Forum is an all-volunteer non-profit women's organization providing volunteer services focused on children families, and the elderly to non-profit agencies in the greater Dallas community. Since 1988, only a few years after Ronald McDonald House of Dallas opened its doors in 1981, DSF has been dedicated to supporting RMD as they provide a "home-away-from-home" and supporting services to families with seriously ill children.

When DSF cooking teams began their volunteer work in the original RMD 37 years ago, it was located near the former St. Paul Hospital, and there was only a residential kitchen in the house. Team members had to purchase, prep and often prepare meals in their own homes, and deliver the meals to the house, where they served the meals to residents. When the house moved to its current location with a commercial kitchen, DSF cooking teams also made the move, and continue, to this day, a commitment to RMD. Currently DSF funds, prepares and serves over 350 meals each month for the RMD residents. Additionally, DSF volunteers assist with RMD'S annual fundraising event, The Trains at NorthPark, as well as support various special events.

There are several current DSF members who have extraordinary longevity cooking at RMD, with some members logging a quarter century of service. They include the following:

Cathy Bourgeois	27 years
Jean Heinkel	26 years
Valerie McMahan	25 years
Sheila Kostelney	25 years
Nancy Malooly	23 years
Harriett Kennedy	22 years
Kristin Parrino	19 years
Kathy Miller	18 years
Carolyn Vail	17 years
Johanna Perillo	17 years
Cynthia Farnham	15 years

"We are honored and proud to have such a long volunteer legacy with Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, and look forward to continuing to help meet the critical needs of those resident families served by RMD," said DSF President Alice Freidline.

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