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**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST MOURNS
THE LOSS OF FOUNDING MEMBER, PAT WEST**

Spokane, WA (February 9, 2024) - Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest (RMHC INW) mourns the passing of Pat West, a founding member and dedicated supporter. His leadership and passion played a crucial role in creating and sustaining a "Home-Away-From-Home" for countless families facing medical challenges.

Pat's story began in 1976 when his son, Chris, battled cancer. Witnessing the hardships faced by families seeking treatment far from home, Pat and his wife, Carol, vowed to create a haven for such families. Following Chris's passing, Carol, with Pat's unwavering support, rallied the community and laid the foundation for RMHC INW.

Driven by the belief that no family should struggle with housing while their child receives care, Pat led the effort that opened RMHC INW's doors in 1987. Today, over thirty-five years later, it encompasses three Houses, two Family Rooms, one Family Lounge, and two Care Mobile units, serving thousands annually.

Pat's compassion, generosity, and belief in community touched countless lives. RMHC INW will honor his memory by continuing to provide a haven of love and support for families in need. Our deepest condolences go to Carol and the entire West family.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Inland Northwest: Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest provides temporary lodging, social and emotional support, at no charge, for families of children accessing medical services. For more information, visit <https://rmhcinlandnw.org/>

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