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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON TO HONOR PARR LUMBER

HILLSBORO, OR (September 25, 2009)—Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Oregon and Southwest Washington (RMHC®) announced today that Parr Lumber will be awarded the charity’s “Partners of Distinction” Award.

RMHC will honor Parr Lumber Company as one of its inaugural “Partners of Distinction” at the Hearts & Hands Auction on Friday, October 2. Parr was selected for this honor for their sustained contributions of time, treasure, and talent. Honorees were chosen by the Board of Trustees, with input from senior staff and members of the Hall of Fame.

For the last decade, Parr Lumber Company has been building hope in the hearts of Ronald McDonald House families. The company’s support, which began with RMHC’s 1999 “Light the House” campaign, has expanded to include employee volunteerism, the decoration of a room in the East House, assistance with capital projects, an annual Parr/RMHC float in the Rose Festival Starlight Parade, unique holiday promotions, and most recently, a portion of proceeds from year-round product sales. Parr Lumber has truly adopted RMHC as its “charity of choice”.

“While our Hall of Fame has recognized the contributions made by individuals over the years, we felt that our 25th Anniversary was the perfect occasion to acknowledge the equally impressive contributions of our extraordinary corporate partners,” says Tom Soma, RMHC Executive Director. “Parr Lumber and the other honorees have contributed countless hours in service to our children and families and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

About The Parr Company: The Parr Company consists of six distinct companies providing building solutions and services: Parr Lumber Company, Parr Cabinet Outlet, Cascade Wholesale Hardware, NSC, NSCi and Parr Marketing Group.

Parr Lumber Company was established in 1930 by Dwight Parr Sr., in the Pacific Northwest and remains a locally owned family business today. Michael Parr and Brad Farmer, both grandsons of the founder, play an active role within The Parr Company and continue the proud



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family ownership. Headquartered in Hillsboro Oregon, Parr is ranked as the 14th largest building material supplier in the nation. Parr proudly operates 41 facilities in Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona and Utah which include pro/retail building material yards, contractor focused facilities and cabinet outlets.

About RMHC: Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Oregon and Southwest Washington provide a “home away from home” for families and their seriously ill children who travel far to receive treatment at Portland hospitals and awards grants to non-profit organizations that offer children’s immunizations and dental care. For more information on Portland’s Houses, visit: <http://www.rmhcoregon.org/>.

About the “Hearts and Hands” Auction: Celebrate RMHC’s 25th Anniversary at the elegant Nines hotel in Downtown Portland. The auction begins at 6pm, with dinner and dancing to follow. RMHC is expecting over 400 attendees at this event, celebrating 25 years in Portland. For more information, visit <http://www.rmhcoregon.org/Ronald-McDonald-House-Charities-Hearts-Hands-Auction>.