



## **JELD-WEN CANADA BUILDS GREAT THINGS WITH THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PROJECT IN SASKATOON**

WINNIPEG – FEBRUARY 19, 2012 – JELD-WEN Windows and Doors Canada is pleased to announce a substantial donation to Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan. The contribution was made as part of the RMHS' For Every Family Capital Campaign, which aims to raise \$10 million to build a 30,000 square foot addition and more than double the facility's current accommodations.

With construction currently underway, Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan is adding much needed space for 18 additional families – up from 13 for a total of 31 – including laundry facilities, computer room, play area, kitchen and other common space. Operating at or near 100% occupancy for the last several years sparked the need for the expansion. In 2010, nearly 1 in 3 families seeking lodgings could not be accommodated; this fundraising initiative will ensure this space crunch never occurs again.

JELD-WEN Windows and Doors first opened their facility in Saskatoon in 1997, with community and dealer ties that stretch back much further than that. When presented with the opportunity by local dealer Don Neufeld of J&H Builders to support the project, JELD-WEN jumped at the chance to give back to such a worthwhile organization.

“Every family deserves to have a place of comfort and security during times of distress,” says Laura Kirk, Senior Marketing Manager with JELD-WEN Canada. “That’s what the Ronald McDonald House does for families and that’s why we’re proud to support this drive. With a large rural community base in Saskatchewan, the RMHS is so important in ensuring that families can remain together during a time of illness.”

“The generosity of JELD-WEN Windows and Doors to our Capital Campaign and the expansion of the House in Saskatchewan will ensure that families across the province will have a place to stay during their time of need,” says Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan Executive Director Tammy Forrester. “We are incredibly grateful for this support and the understanding that it is vital to keep families together.”

The Saskatoon-based Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan first opened its doors in 1985 to provide a home away from home for ill children and their families who must travel from rural areas for medical treatment. With an annual operating budget of \$550,000, Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan largely depends on fundraising efforts to provide safe and comfortable accommodations for families in need.

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