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## Rebecca and Bobby Boenigk named 2016 Community Builders of the Year

BRYAN, TX (December 12, 2016) – Rebecca and Bobby Boenigk were named 2016 Community Builders of the Year by the Grand Lodge of Texas' Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300 on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Builder Award is presented once a year to outstanding non-masons who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community, to the local, state or national government, to their church or synagogue, or to humanity.

Rebecca and Bobby have been active in the Bryan-College Station community serving on numerous boards and committees, volunteering for various non-profits and spearheading efforts to bring Ronald McDonald House Charities to the Brazos Valley.



Their latest accomplishment has been bringing the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas to Bryan-College Station. After experiencing firsthand the hospitality and generosity of the Temple Ronald McDonald house when their son, Ryan, was born premature in 1991, it has been a dream of theirs to provide families with children in the pediatric and neonatal units of local hospitals the same welcoming, warm, supportive experience as they received so many years ago.

In 2014, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin expanded to include the Brazos Valley and even changed their name to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas. Since coming to the area Happy Wheels Carts have been introduced at all three area hospitals, the first Ronald McDonald Family Room was opened at CHI St. Joseph, another family room at the College Station Medical Center is in the works, a meal program was started at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center and the Healing Hearts program was launched. Their impact on the community and those benefitting from the programs provided by Ronald McDonald House Central Texas is immeasurable.

“A dream became a reality. Our hearts are full knowing there is support for those families, who like us, experience life altering circumstances”, Rebecca Boenigk said. “Receiving this award is like the cherry on top. Bobby and I have come full circle with the Ronald McDonald House and look forward to what the future holds for us in our service to the community.”