



## **Pembina Connects Loved Ones at the Ronald McDonald House Northern Alberta Bringing families together through difficult times to create a supportive community**

**(Grande Prairie, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – For Immediate Release)** –Pembina Pipeline Corporation (Pembina) has reinforced its commitment to the Peace Region by sponsoring the Connect Home Program through Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Alberta (RMHCNA).

“We’re excited to partner with the Ronald McDonald House Northern Alberta on the Connect Home Program,” says Darren Olsen, Manager of Pembina’s Cutbank Complex, which is located near Grande Prairie. “The program serves a real need in the community, and Pembina employees are excited to volunteer to help families make the transition back home as positive experience as possible,” says Olsen.

Through the Connect Home program, families create connections, develop support systems and have the resources available to assist in their journey as they transition home after the traumatic experience of a sick or injured child.

Families can access the Peace Region’s Meals that Mend program, where a community-hosted meal provides an opportunity for families to remain connected through a support system. Past and present RMHCNA families can join together for a home-cooked meal that also includes activities for children.

A Connect Backpack ensures that a family’s needs are met after their stay at RMHCNA. Upon their return home, families will receive a backpack filled with resources for both parents and kids to help with the transition to life at home, while reinforcing the bond they formed with RMHCNA.

All children, whether sick, injured or a sibling, deserve to feel loved and remembered. Pembina’s contribution to the Birthday Greetings card program helps to ensure that each child is remembered, and receives a card from their friends at RMHCNA.

Pembina’s commitment to RMHCNA will help to ensure that our Peace Region families will continue to thrive by having access to a strong support network through the Connect Home Program. We are forever grateful that Pembina has chosen to partner with us to bring the opportunity for families to heal together in their home community.

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### **About Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Alberta**

All Ronald McDonald Houses are independently owned and operated non-profit organizations. Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Alberta (RMHCNA) is the only facility in Edmonton and the surrounding area that provides temporary and affordable accommodation for families whose children are being treated in one of Edmonton’s medical facilities. In 2014, 25% of the families who used RMHCNA were from the Peace Region.