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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT AT THE WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Water Lantern Festival to Benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities® Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 25, 2018) – People of all ages will come together to enjoy the sight of glowing lanterns floating on water at the Water Lantern Festival beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the Route 66 Park. A portion of the proceeds of ticket sales will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities Oklahoma City (RMHC-OKC).

"This new fun family event will be something different for Oklahomans to enjoy," said Susan Adams, RMHC-OKC President and CEO. "We are excited to be a part of the Water Lantern Festival. The glowing lanterns will be a breathtaking sight."

The Water Lantern Festival is more than just a moment after sundown to release your lantern. It's a familyfriendly event all evening with activities, food trucks, music and giveaways. All participants will be given a lantern and a marker to write a personal message on their lantern. At sundown when all the lanterns have been released, there is a real sense of peace and awe while all the lanterns are floating out into the water.

Ticket prices range depending on how early they are purchased. Adult tickets at regular pricing are \$30 until May 31, late pricing is \$40 till June 8, and day of pricing is \$45. Youth, eight – 14 years old, tickets are \$12, and kids under seven years old are free.

"This Water Lantern Festival provides a way to share your hopes, dreams, and aspirations," said Nate Sorensen, Event Director. "It's honestly a night that you will never forget."

For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to www.WaterLanternFestival.com.

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