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Live in Space for a Day at Minnesota Children's Museum

Living in Space exhibit inspired by the International Space Station

Become an astronaut for a day at Minnesota Children's Museum by exploring *Living in Space*, inspired by the International Space Station (ISS), September 4, 2010, to January 2, 2011. This hands-on exhibit allows visitors to perform work activities such as a simulated science experiment. Enjoy the life of an astronaut by engaging in daily activities such as meal time or choose to play with various free-time activities. *Living in Space* also features stories and videos from real ISS crewmembers.

The goal of *Living in Space* is to teach visitors that living in space is challenging, takes cooperation, presents extraordinary opportunities and is full of fun by allowing visitors to become an ISS crewmember for a day.

Living in Space is divided into three distinct parts; "Living in Space," "Working in Space" and "Playing in Space." "Living in Space" shows visitors how things such as food, hygiene and sleep are different in space. "Working in Space" allows visitors to work like an ISS crewmember and is divided into seven areas; meet the shuttle, a model for cooperation, Canadarm2, fit for space, floating to work, dress for space and science in space. Do activities in this area such as build and maintain the ISS, dock with the Space Shuttle, use special equipment onboard and much more. "Playing in Space" shows visitors what astronauts can do in space when they are not hard at work featuring two areas; packed with fun and weightless wonders.

About Minnesota Children's Museum

Minnesota Children's Museum is a non-profit community educational organization committed to smart play: sparking children's learning through play. Infants ages six months through children age 10 discover their world through hands-on exhibits in five permanent galleries: ***Our World*** connects children to people and places in their community as they role play "grown-ups" in a child-size environment; ***World Works*** encourages creativity and problem-solving through investigation and experimentation; ***Earth World*** immerses children in lifelike Minnesota habitats to nurture an understanding of the natural world; ***Habitot***[®] enables infants and toddlers to safely

explore four developmentally designed learning landscapes; and ***Rooftop ArtPark*** brings nature and art together in an outdoor gallery on the Museum's fourth floor. Two special galleries offer exciting traveling exhibits from around the world. Fun drop-in programs such as Story Time and Big Fun! take place daily. Kid Spark, the Museum store, is located in the first floor lobby. Minnesota Children's Museum has been providing children and adults with a fun, educational environment since 1981.

The Museum is located at Seventh and Wabasha streets in downtown St. Paul. For 24-hour information, visit www.MCM.org or call 651-225-6000.