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Minnesota Children's Museum and Doing Good Together Aim to Spark Family Volunteerism

We all have something to offer, regardless of income or age. Minnesota Children's Museum and Doing Good Together, a non-profit organization working to inspire and help families volunteer, want to help families begin a tradition of service through simple acts of kindness. *Small Hands, Big Hearts: Sparking the Spirit of Giving*, happening now through January 30 at Minnesota Children's Museum, creates opportunities for parents and children to work together to make a difference in the community

From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day, children can create a placemat for the Meals on Wheels program, make cards for service men and women and hospitalized children. Families can also help keep feet warm in the Twin Cities this winter by bringing new socks to donate to the Simpson House, a Minneapolis-based shelter and transitional housing service for families. The socks will be attached to a "sock hop line" that runs through the Museum's Atrium.

Families can also stay involved after their Museum experience by visiting MCM.org to see photos of the event and creations, monitor how many cards and placemats have been created and find links to family volunteerism resources, book lists and more.

Small Hands, Big Hearts is sponsored by Target and RBC Wealth Management.

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.