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## **Madison Children's Museum's Tea & Trains fundraiser Dec. 5**

MADISON, Wis. (Nov. 30, 2009) – All aboard for Madison Children's Museum's 12<sup>th</sup> annual holiday fundraiser, Tea & Trains, coming around the bend on Saturday, Dec. 5, at The Madison Club, 5 E. Wilson St.

The event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and families and children will enjoy a holiday high tea complete with hot chocolate and brewed tea, as well as an excellent selection of finger foods. Special events include: a reading by Anne Grady of Caralyn Buehner's "Snowmen at Night"; old-fashioned silhouettes; unique crafts to take home or give as gifts; conductor Joe Schappel's private American Flyer electric train collection; our fantastic silent auction, which includes a wide variety of items for children and adults, including toys, gift baskets and gift cards from local businesses; and formal holiday portraits.

Tea & Trains is expected to raise more than \$20,000 for Madison Children's Museum. These funds directly support the museum's mission: engaging children in hands-on learning experiences and creative play.

Tea & Trains has sold out the last two years, so purchase your tickets in advance! Tickets are \$30 each, and there are a variety of ticket packages available that include an MCM membership and other extras. Keep the membership for your family or give it as a gift for the holidays. A membership will provide you with a full year of exciting play at the new Madison Children's Museum, opening in August 2010.

For more information or to order tickets, please contact Adam at 608.268.1231, ext. 16.

**About Madison Children's Museum:** Madison Children's Museum is an award-winning organization which fosters family and community connections, and provides a place where every child can learn through play in an interactive environment. MCM's hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children's imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstones of learning.

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