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MEDIA ADVISORY

Madison Children's Museum to Host Ribbon Cutting for 1838 Log Cabin

MADISON, Wis. (June 2, 2010) — Madison Children's Museum will host a log cabin ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, June 9, at 10 a.m. The 1838 cabin exhibit was developed with the help of three local Madison Metropolitan School District classrooms that contributed to the interior design and development of educational programming for the museum's authentic structure.

WHAT: Ribbon-cutting ceremony for Madison Children's Museum's historic log cabin

WHEN: 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 9 (ribbon cutting at 10:25)

WHERE: Madison Children's Museum, 100 N. Hamilton Street. The ceremony will occur around and inside the log cabin, located at the back of the building. Please find parking in a nearby ramp or on the street.

Madison Children's Museum is set to reopen August 14, and the cabin — part of the Local Treasures initiative exploring local history — will be a permanent outdoor exhibit offering visitors the opportunity to experience Madison family and community life in the late 1830s. The log cabin ceremony will include about 65 children who worked on research and planning for educational programming that will be offered in the cabin. MMSD officials and teachers will be present, including Superintendent Dan Nerad.

The ceremony will start with brief remarks by the dignitaries, and will continue with the actual ribbon cutting by the schoolchildren. The children and guests also will get a chance to explore the cabin and grounds, and tour the museum to test out some of the other exhibits. Members of the media are welcome to take the tour.

Madison Children's Museum: Madison Children's Museum (MCM) 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 cornerstone of learning.

The museum moved out of its former facility at 100 State Street on Jan. 4 and is preparing for its reopening in a new, permanent home at 100 N. Hamilton Street on the north corner of the Capitol Square. It will reopen August 14 with plenty of new, exciting exhibits along with some favorites from the previous location. While the museum is closed, go to MadisonChildrensMuseum.org for a schedule of Road Show events, sponsored by Target.

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