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LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

New Orleans, LA– The Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) is honoring Black History Month with its annual African-American Heritage Festival on **Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The festival will celebrate the history, culture, heritage and art of African-Americans that have contributed to the dynamic spirit and traditions of New Orleans.

"The African-American Heritage festival allows children to learn about the rich cultural influences that are ingrained in our New Orleans community," said Louisiana Children's Museum Executive Director Julia Bland. "The impact that African-Americans have made can be seen in every strand of our music, dance, movement and stories. It has endured over time and through distance to become such an important part of our local culture."

Festival participants can:

- Have your face painted with an African art design in the Museum Atrium on the first floor
- Make a bottle cap tambourine in the Museum Atrium on the first floor
- Add your hand-print to a collaborative art display hung in the Museum Atrium on the first floor
- Participate in the Legends in Time mixed media activity in Art Trek on the second floor
- Learn about the only surviving raised Creole Cottage in the Mississippi River Valley, the Rabassa House in the *New Orleans: Proud to Call it Home* Architecture Exhibit on the Museum's second floor

Since 1986, the Louisiana Children's Museum has engaged children and families in memorable, interactive experiences that make growing and learning fun. It also goes beyond its walls to deliver creative, educational resources that impact the greater New Orleans community. The Museum is located at 420 Julia Street in New Orleans' warehouse district. General admission is \$8.00 for adults and children one year of age and older. Museum members are admitted free.

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