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LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH A THREE DAY FESTIVAL INCLUDING A SPECIAL OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

New Orleans, LA, January 11, 2010 – The Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) will honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a three day festival beginning on Friday, January 14 through Saturday, January 15 and Monday, January 17. This tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. is designed to promote awareness of and educate the children of the Greater New Orleans area about civil rights and the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The museum is open outside of its normal operating hours on Monday, 1/21/08 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on a day when many area children are home from school.

On Monday, January 17 visitors can:

- Add their own hopes and dreams for the future to our "I Have a Dream" wall in the Museum Atrium
- Have your face painted in the Museum Atrium
- Paint a Martin Luther King portraits in ArtTrek
- Learn about the Lincoln Memorial in the *New Orleans: Proud to Call it Home* Architecture Exhibit on the Museum's second floor
- Join performer Donald Lewis as he draws the audience into interactive stories based on civil rights and freedom at 11:30am in the Museum's Times-Picayune Theatre
- Sing along with Michaela Harrison as she performs *Songs of the Civil Rights Movement* at 1:30pm in the Museum's Times-Picayune Theatre

This festival is partially sponsored by Metro Disposal.

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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