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Celebrate “Month of the Young Child” in April at the 2009 San José Children’s Faire

*Applications for Activity Booths Now Being Accepted for
“Growing Up in San José: Bridging Our Past with Our Future”*

SAN JOSE, CALIF. —San José Children’s Faire on **Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** is expected to draw 5,000 attendees to **Discovery Meadow** (in front of the Children’s Discovery Museum) in downtown San José. **“Growing Up in San José: Bridging Our Past with Our Future”** is the theme for this year’s event, which features family-oriented stage entertainment, special attractions, and activity booths offering hands-on activities for children, ages two to 12, in addition to information about education, child care, health and safety resources, creative arts and recreational programs.

The Faire, now in its 21st year, is an established **free, one-day, outdoor festival** designed to link parents and caregivers of young children with community organizations that serve their needs. The annual faire is the highlight of April’s “Month of the Young Child” celebration. **Booth applications are currently being accepted through April 4th** from local non-profits, community organizations, local government agencies and businesses that provide programs and services for families with young children. Fees vary according to type of booth (e.g., food, activity, entertainment, special attraction). No sales, other than food and beverages at designated food booths, are permitted at the Faire. Call Early Care and Education Services at (408) 808-2617 to request an application or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.

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The Month of the Young Child is an extension of the national Week of the Young Child celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It was established in 1971 in recognition that early childhood experiences (birth to age 8) lay the foundation for success in school and later life. Local observance is a collaborative effort on the part of:

- San José Public Library
- City of San José Early Care and Education Commission
- Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Local Early Education Planning Council
- Children’s Discovery Museum
- First 5 Santa Clara County
- Kidango
- Center for Employment Training
- SJBCDC

Additional activities marking San José Public Library’s celebration of the Month of the Young Child include:

- Special programs scheduled at neighborhood libraries throughout San José
- City Council recognition of this year’s recipients of the “Outstanding Contributors to Child Care” Awards at a casual reception held in San José City Hall Council Chambers
- Children’s art displays, providing insight into the imagination and development of young children

For more information, visit www.sjlibrary.org or call (408) 808-2617.

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