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Tenth anniversary visit by CP Holiday Train another success!

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 27, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2014) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce that last evening's CP Holiday Train tenth anniversary visit was hugely successful and saw an estimated 2000 people turn out for what has become a local holiday season tradition.

Grand Chief Michael Delisle, Jr. was on hand to accept a \$4,500 cheque from CP on behalf of the Kahnawà:ke Christmas Basket Committee, in addition to other monies collected during the event. Three truckloads of non-perishable food items were collected for the Kahnawà:ke Food Bank.

Representatives from Canadian Pacific were also presented with a commemorative plaque by the Grand Chief for their tenth consecutive year of the Holiday Train's stop in Kahnawà:ke.

"I would like to say Niawenkhó:wa to CP for their extremely generous donation to help our families in need," said Samantha Montour-Cross, one of the lead organizers of the event. "A big shout out also goes to everyone who made this event a success once again, from behind the scenes help to lending equipment, shuttling our community members to the event, the onsite volunteering and of course, all the people who attended and made donations."

"Every cup of hot chocolate, every bag of popcorn, every candy cane and every glowstick were distributed to lots of happy faces from both Kahnawà:ke and people from the neighboring communities," she concluded.

The MCK would like to thank the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers and Conservation Officers, Community Protection and Public Works for ensuring the evening's events went smoothly.

To date, the CP Holiday Train has raised close to \$9.5 million and 3.3 million pounds of food for local food banks across North America.

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