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CP Holiday Train visit an all-around success!

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 28, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce that last evening's visit by CP's Holiday Train was a success in every way.

This is the eighth straight year that the train made a stop in Kahnawà:ke in what has become an annual tradition.

An estimated crowd of over 250 was in attendance. Volunteers from the MCK, Peacekeepers and Kahnawake Fire Brigade were on site to ensure the evening's events went smoothly.

Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. accepted a cheque for \$1,500 from CP on behalf of the Kahnawà:ke Christmas Basket Committee, which also was the beneficiary of an additional \$614.16 collected on site. Two truckloads of non-perishable food items were collected for the Kahnawà:ke Food Bank. Several toys were also donated.

Organizers distributed 300 hot dogs and candy canes, 250 glow sticks and thirty gallons of hot chocolate.

"We'd like to thank everyone who played a part in making the visit a success, especially CP," said Brandi Meloche, one of the organizers. "The performances were fun, the train was amazing and there were lots and lots of smiling faces – what more can you ask?"

Over the past decade the Holiday Train has raised well over \$5 million and two million pounds of food for local food banks.

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