



Railroad Museum Foundation Offers Special *THE POLAR EXPRESS™* Train Ride Opportunity For Local Non-Profits

Charitable Organizations Encouraged to Submit Entries by October 17

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (September 26, 2016) – The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are pleased to present a special opportunity for local non-profits that support or serve local children and families to enjoy a very special ride aboard *THE POLAR EXPRESS™* Train Ride during a run-through rehearsal on Friday evening, November 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. With 150 seats available, the Foundation is accepting entries for the complimentary group experience now through October 17 at 4 p.m.

In 100 words or less (in PDF format), interested non-profit agencies simply need to provide background information about their organization and explain why the suggested beneficiaries should receive seats aboard the advance *THE POLAR EXPRESS™* Train Ride experience.

After a careful review and evaluation process, the winning organization(s) will be selected by a committee led by the Foundation and notified on November 1. The selected group(s) must be able to provide proof of 501c3 status, be able to provide transportation to and from Old Sacramento, and should also be aware local media may be invited to participate on and/or cover the special train ride that is a rehearsal for the cast and crew. Note that this advance train ride happens before the official public train rides begin for the season and will include most, but not all, of the elements included in the official *THE POLAR EXPRESS™* Train Ride experience.

Non-profit organizations interested in submitting an entry should do so via email to cmeyer@csrnf.org. *THE POLAR EXPRESS™* Train Ride tickets for the general public go on sale Saturday, October 1 at 9 a.m. For tickets or more information about the California State Railroad Museum or Foundation, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. The Foundation and its board of directors is currently laying groundwork for a future California Railroad Technology Museum capital campaign proposed as part of the downtown Sacramento railyard development project. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum

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