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**“The Power to Play – from Trash to Treasure”
Children’s Toys at The Denver Press Club**

Richmond, Va. – April 21, 2010 – What do broken flip-flop sandals, scrap pieces of plastic bags, twigs and string have in common for children in Africa, Asia and the Americas? The items were used by children to create toy sailboats so they would have something to play with.

Children also have taken discarded plastic bags and heavy twine, to create soccer balls proving that they have an amazing ability to face adversity with creativity and passion.

That resiliency is reflected in ChildFund International’s exhibit of more than 350 handcrafted toys by children from around the world. The Denver Press Club will showcase toys at a special event 7-8 p.m., April 28.

ChildFund International President and CEO Anne Lynam Goddard and Press Club President Bruce Goldberg will host the Wednesday event. They will be joined by Eric Seversen, a ChildFund International sponsor of 30 years, who will perform his inspiring song for ‘The Power to Play’ toy video.

Goddard will speak on ChildFund’s work with deprived, excluded and vulnerable children around the world. “ChildFund International has long recognized play as essential to childhood development,” said Goddard. “We are sharing this toy collection as a visible demonstration of how the power to play helps children thrive and become leaders of enduring change in their communities and the world.”

The [toys](#) are on display the week of April 28 at the Denver Press Club, 1330 Glenarm Place, Denver.

ChildFund is sharing the toy collection with major museums across the United States. It will next travel to New York and Idaho. For more information about the toys, visit the website at www.ChildFund.org/toys.

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ChildFund International, formerly named Christian Children’s Fund, is a global child development and protection agency that believes lasting changes comes from children. For more than 70 years, we have helped the world’s deprived, excluded and vulnerable children survive and thrive to reach their full potential and become leaders of enduring change. A member of the ChildFund Alliance, we have earned 4 stars from Charity Navigator and serve children in 31 countries.