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ChildFund's *Power to Play* Exhibit Travels to Boise

- Toys are handmade by children from all over the world.
- Exhibit runs Dec. 2 through Feb. 5, 2011

Richmond, Va. – Nov. 30, 2010 – What do broken flip-flops, scrap plastic bags, twigs and string have in common for children in developing regions in Africa, Asia and the Americas? All were used by children to create toy sailboats so they would have something to play with.

Children also have created soccer balls using discarded plastic bags and heavy twine, or kites using paper, string and bamboo. They've shown they have an amazing ability to face adversity with creativity and passion.

This resilience is reflected in ChildFund's traveling exhibit, *The Power to Play: From Trash to Treasure*. Featuring more than 50 of these handmade toys, the exhibit's next stop is the Idaho State Historical Museum Dec. 2 through Feb. 5, 2011.

"The Idaho Historical Museum acts as a resource for Idaho history as well as a cultural center to expose Idaho citizens to the people of the world," says Kurt Zwolfer, education specialist for the museum. "By viewing the creativity and resourcefulness exhibited by the children who made these toys, we hope our visitors will have a better understanding of the universal language of play."

ChildFund is sharing the toy collection with museums and venues across the United States. The toys have been displayed in Boston, Washington, D.C., L.A., Denver and New York. For more information about the toys and the children who make them, visit ChildFund's website at www.ChildFund.org/toys.

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