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All Aboard the North Pole Express! Commuter Rail Hosts Children's Charities for Magical Winter Ride

- What:** Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company (MBCR) will host children from local charities on a magical, once-in-a-lifetime North Pole Express train ride that will provide these deserving children with a unique holiday experience. This special event, which will recreate the heartwarming *Polar Express* story, will include local personalities and VIPs reading the story aloud to children aboard the train; decorated passenger coaches festooned in holiday regalia; holiday characters such as elves and reindeer; festive refreshments and gifts; and a special visit from Santa Claus. Upon returning to South Station, the young children will post their letters to Santa in a special mail box and be treated to a memorable viewing of *The Polar Express* movie to top off the evening.
- When:** Saturday, December 10th, 2011
Train departs at 4:00 p.m. (please arrive by 3:15 p.m.)
- Where:** Main Concourse, South Station
- Who:** **Diane Patrick**, First Lady of Massachusetts
Angela Menino, First Lady of Boston
Richard Davey, Secretary of Transportation, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Jonathan Davis, General Manager, MBTA
Hugh Kiley, General Manager, MBCR
Children from local charities, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Smart from the Start, Boston Housing Authority, South Boston Neighborhood House, The Home for Little Wanderers
Sponsors, Highland Street Foundation; Holly McGrath and David Bruce, Target, Standard Modern Printing Company, Au Bon Pain, Equity Office, South Station, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Why:** MBCR is committed to serving the communities in which they operate. Children served by these local charities often do not get to share the same holiday experiences that other kids do. This event provides a special event that the kids will remember and talk about for years to come.

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