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The Trains at NorthPark Rolls for the 28th Year in Dallas

What: The Trains at NorthPark, presented by Bank of Texas, celebrates its 28th year of a favorite holiday tradition. The most elaborate miniature toy trains exhibit in Texas, The Trains at NorthPark includes locomotives rolling across multiple tracks on a journey across America marked by memorable landmarks. Cityscapes include downtown Dallas, with the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the State Fair of Texas and the Cotton Bowl; New York City's Times Square and Grand Central Terminal; Washington, D.C. with The White House; New England's fall foliage; the Grand Canyon, the Garden of the Gods, Route 66, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and the Albuquerque hot air balloons. The exhibit encompasses more than 4,000 square feet of train themed environments, with all the trimmings of the holiday train travel experience—steam engine and coach cars, a ticket booth and a train station. New this year is the location, which is Level Two next to Nordstrom. Also new is Mount Rushmore that features Thomas the Train and his friends. More than 70,000 people visit The Trains at NorthPark each season as part of their holiday tradition.

By the numbers:

- Approximately 1,800 feet of track
- There are 1,000 railcars in the exhibit
- This year marks the 28th year for the exhibit, the 17th year at NorthPark.
- Since the first exhibit at NorthPark, the Trains have raised more than \$13 million for Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

When:

Saturday, November 21, 2015-Sunday, January 3, 2016

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Holiday Hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(11/27, 11/28, 12/12-12/26)

Early Closings:

Thanksgiving Eve: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

Christmas Eve: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,

New Year's Eve: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

New Year's Day: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

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- Where:** NorthPark Center, Level Two Near Nordstrom
North Central Expressway at Northwest Highway, 8687 N. Central Expressway,
Dallas, TX 75225
- Cost:** \$7.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children (ages 2 to 12) and senior citizens (65 and older)
Children under 2 admitted free
Discount tickets available at Tom Thumb (\$1.00 off regular admission)
- Chairs:** Event Co-Chairs are April Cook and Jennifer Tobin. Honorary Co-Chairs are Carolyn Rathjen and Dr. Karl Rathjen. In his role as an orthopedic surgeon at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dr. Rathjen has treated many children who have stayed at the House. They are generous with their time and resources, and the House is grateful for their support.
- Railcars:** Hand-painted, colorful railcars are available for purchase and both children and adults love to find their very own railcar at the exhibit, The House hires local artists who customize and paint the railcars to the purchaser's specifications. The railcars range from \$175 to \$325. To order a railcar online, visit www.thetrainsatnorthpark.com.
- Volunteers:** More than 2,000 volunteers are needed to run the trains. For those interested in volunteering as individuals or as a group to work three-hour shifts, visit www.thetrainsatnorthpark.com. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old without a parent, or 12 years old and accompanied by a parent. The volunteers raise money, sell tickets, collect tickets, serve as greeters and more. It's estimated that the volunteers alone contribute more than 10,000 volunteer hours to keep the trains rolling.
- Benefits:** The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas exists to serve and sustain families when serious illness or injury strikes the most cherished part of their lives, their children. The Ronald McDonald House program was built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child - not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal, or where they will lay their head at night to rest. Since 1981, when the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas opened its doors, more than 36,000 families have been helped. This year, the House will help about 2,000 families. These families come from all over the world to the Dallas area because of the strength of the local hospitals and the treatment their children will receive here.

Information: Call 214-631-7354 or visit www.rmhdallas.org or www.thetrainsatnorthpark.com.

Photo Link:

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Video Links:

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