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EdVenture Children's Museum Presents "BIG Wheels!" A Touch-a-Truck Experience

COLUMBIA, SC – October XX, 2009 – Kids will have a chance to get up close and personal with some of the Midlands' largest vehicles during EdVenture's **BIG Wheels: A Touch-a-Truck Experience** outdoor event Saturday, November 7. The event will showcase large machinery and trucks, including a fire engine, police car, garbage truck, cement mixer, front end loader and other heavy equipment and big machines. The event is happening 10 am to 4 pm in EdVenture's parking lot at 211 Gervais Street. It is free with regular museum admission.

Children can touch and explore all of the showcased vehicles, learning about the science of how the huge machines move, push, pull, and haul. For younger children, the Trucks for Tots area will allow hands-on use of construction equipment that's just the right size. Children also can enjoy:

- A BIG Wheels obstacle course,
- Train ride (noon to 3 pm),
- Performances of the educational "Simple Machines" construction show,
- Afternoon "horn honk," and
- Refreshments.

EdVenture expects to serve 2,500 children and their family members during this event, where educating children about the science and technology of big machines and trucks is the primary focus.

In addition, this weekend is the **sixth birthday celebration** of EdVenture. The museum has reached more than 1.2 million people since it opened its doors in 2003 and is the Southeast's largest children's museum.

For more information about the BIG Wheels exhibit or EdVenture Children's Museum, visit www.edventure.org or call (803) 400-1136. The mission of EdVenture Children's Museum is to inspire children to experience the joy of learning.

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