



## JSU Student Stacey Lanthrip Named MCM February Volunteer of the Month

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### MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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**Jackson, Miss.** – Jackson State University (JSU) student Stacey Lanthrip has been named the Mississippi Children's Museum's (MCM) Volunteer of the Month for February.

"Volunteering challenges us to work with new people and explore different surroundings," explains Sharon Griffin, Volunteer Coordinator at MCM and adjunct professor at JSU. "Stacey Lanthrip only recently began volunteering at our museum and jumped right in and tackled many different tasks presented to her. She is passionate, positive, and genuinely enjoys helping children."

MCM is one of the approved sites at which JSU students can volunteer within the community. Students are required to complete 120 hours of volunteer service in order to graduate. "At first, I was a little nervous, because I wasn't familiar with the MS Children's Museum," reflected Lanthrip. "Now I'm glad I chose MCM. Everyone has made me feel so welcome. I wouldn't trade my experience for anything!"

"I have really enjoyed seeing the smiles on faces of children who visit the museum," shared Lanthrip. "The highlight of my time volunteering at MCM was during Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday Celebration when a little girl walked up to me while I was wearing my Dr. Seuss hat and gave me a hug. That melted my heart and made me so glad that I decided to volunteer at the museum!"

"Volunteers are a vital part of the MCM team," said Griffin. "They assist us with special programs and activities, and they help us carry out our mission within the community. We are very thankful for all of our terrific volunteers!"

For more information about volunteer opportunities at MCM please go to [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

### **About the Mississippi Children’s Museum**

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides unparalleled experiences that ignite a thirst for discovery, knowledge, and learning in all children. MCM is dedicated to inspiring Mississippi’s children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. The museum features 40,000 square feet of exhibit space designed around five primary initiatives: Literacy, STEM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi History. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. To learn more about MCM visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

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