



RECOGNITION

Financial Accountability

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
Accredited Charity: 2008-2019

GUIDESTAR

Platinum Seal of Transparency: 2017, 2019

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Awarded 4 out of 4-star rating: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL

Non-Profit Award: 2018
Leader in Finance, Sarah Skelton CFO: 2018
Top CEO, Susan Garrard: 2018

Tourism

AAA SOUTHERN TRAVELER

Southern Travel Treasure:
Mississippi Children's Museum, 2011 The Literacy Garden, 2014

MISSISSIPPI TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Travel Attraction of the Year: 2010-2011
Small Festival of the Year: 2018 -Mississippi Science Fest

SOUTHEAST TOURISM SOCIETY

Shining Example Partnership Award: 2019
Top 20 Event - Mississippi Science Fest
(LeFleur Museum District) 2019

TRIP ADVISOR

Certificate of Excellence: 2012 - 2018
Rated #1 travel attraction for Jackson, MS

National Organizations & Publications

2017 NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE FINALIST

ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

Featured in *Hand-to-Hand*, ACM's nationwide publication
"Square One: Emerging Museum Aims High from the Start,"
Vol. 28, Num. 4, Winter 2014/2015
"Satellites: Yes, No, Maybe," MCM Meridian;
Vol. 32, Num. 1, Spring 2018
"Brain Day; Breaking It Down" Patti Reiss,
Director of Museum Experiences; Vol. 31, Winter 2018

SOUTHEASTERN MUSEUMS CONFERENCE

2018 Publication Competition: Bronze Medal
(The MCM Playbook)

Mississippi Recognition

MISSISSIPPI KIDS COUNT
Program of Promise, 2013

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
Governor's Award: 2016

MISSISSIPPI MAGAZINE | BEST OF MISSISSIPPI AWARDS

Best Attraction for Kids: 2011 - 2019
Best Museum: 2018
Best New Event: Bunnies and Butterflies 2019

THE CLARION LEDGER | BEST OF AWARDS

Best Museum: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Best Tourist Attraction: 2016
Best Family Attraction: 2015, 2016
Best Place to Have a Birthday Party: 2017, 2018
Best Non-Profit: 2018

PARENTS AND KIDS MAGAZINE | FAMILY FAVORITES

Favorite Museum for Kids: 2011 - 2014, 2016 - 2018
Best Area Attraction: 2015, 2017
Best Summer Day Camp: 2014, 2018
Best In-State Travel Destination: 2018
Best Gift Shop: 2018
Best Party Entertainment: 2018

JACKSON FREE PRESS | BEST OF JACKSON

Best Museum: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Best Tourist Attraction: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018
Best Kid's Event: 2015 - Dr. Seuss Silly Birthday Celebration
Best Kid's Hangout: 2017, 2018

