



Northwest Rankin High School Students Jamie Ferreras and Juan Jimenez Named MCM October Volunteer of the Month

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Jackson, Miss. – Northwest Rankin High School students Jamie Ferreras and Juan Jimenez have been named the Mississippi Children's Museum's (MCM) Volunteer of the Month for October.

"Jamie and Juan started volunteering in October 2019. MCM recognizes the outstanding job they have done when engaging with the children. Children really respond to them well, and that's probably due to how patient they are. They have led many activities and always go above and beyond," explains Sharon Griffin, Volunteer Coordinator at MCM and adjunct professor at JSU.

Both Ferreras and Jimenez spent time volunteering at MCM's annual chess tournaments. "The best experience for me is watching the chess tournaments. It's so fascinating watching children demonstrate their intellectual abilities at such a young age," said Ferreras. Jimenez, a chess player himself, was able to share his expertise with the children. Jimenez said, "When it comes to the chess competitions, I am able to help because I have been playing chess since I was a kid. I am able to assist if the kids have questions or just need to find out who won."

"I was interested in volunteering for the museum because I wanted to be able to make a difference, and figured helping at the children's museum would give me the chance," explained Jimenez. With a busy schedule of extracurriculars, high academics, and preparing college applications, Ferreras and Jimenez found the time to volunteer in their community. Ferreras said, "MCM is an inspiring environment and makes volunteering enjoyable. There are multiple slots to meet anyone's schedule."

"Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without any compensation, so it's crucial to acknowledge their contributions and let them know they are valued," said Griffin. "MCM is lucky to have Jamie and Juan as volunteers."

For more information about volunteer opportunities at MCM please go to 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.

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