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Mississippi Children's Museum Recognized as MSBJ Top Non-Profit and Leader in Finance

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Jackson, Miss. (December 12, 2018) Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) received two awards from Mississippi Business Journal (MBJ) this year; **Top Non-Profit Award** and **Leaders in Finance** awarded to our Director of Finance and Administration, Sarah Skelton.

"We were truly delighted to be able to honor and recognize so many worthy Mississippi non-profits. We've felt for some time that these hard-working, dedicated agencies don't get near the recognition they deserve, and we're happy to be able to shine a light on their good works," noted Tami Jones, Associate Publisher, Mississippi Business Journal.

MCM was recognized during a recent breakfast at the Old Capitol Inn, along with 30 other MS non-profits as a "Top Non-Profit."

"Receiving this award is a tremendous honor for our museum and our Board of Directors. Together we are committed to being responsible stewards of our resources at MCM" shared President and CEO Susan Garrard. "Outside evaluators such as Charity Navigator have rated us the #1 non-profit in Mississippi for fiscal stewardship (December, 2018) and #3 museum in the United States for fiscal stewardship (December, 2018). Also, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) designated our museum as an 'Accredited Charity Seal Holder' (since 2008) which is awarded to organizations that meet all 20 of the BBB's standards for Charity Accountability. These rankings validate our performance in three important areas; financial health, accountability and transparency which are all critically important to successfully operating a non-profit."

Sarah Skelton, MCM Director of Finance and Administration, oversees the museum's budget, payroll, and financial statement preparation as well as a variety of administrative and human resource duties. Skelton was recognized as a **Leader in Finance** during a MBJ luncheon. "Sarah uses her accounting and analytical review skills along with cash management abilities to further the museum's vision of inspiring Mississippi's children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. Her attention to detail is impressive, and MCM is fortunate to have had her expertise and leadership for 8 years," noted Garrard.

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, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts and Mississippi Heritage. 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.