



Mississippi Children's Museum Sees Progress on Exhibit Construction for Meridian Campus

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Exhibits for Mississippi Children's Museum's first satellite campus in Meridian are well under construction at Heartland Scenic Studio in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jackson, Miss. (August 5, 2020) – Mississippi Children's Museum's (MCM) President/CEO, Susan Garrard, and Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian's (MCM-Meridian) Executive Director, Liz Wilson, took a 14-hour road trip to Omaha, Nebraska to review the progress being made on MCM-Meridian's exhibits under construction at Heartland Scenic Studio.

Heartland Scenic Studio is one of the nation's premier exhibit fabricators with over 35 years of experience. Garrard and Wilson were joined by Kraemer Design + Productions for the two-day site visit which included a tour of the 26,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility and an in-depth review of the intricate fabrication details of the exhibits. Exhibit elements were tested and studied for durability and usability including a larger than life guitar, a mobile health clinic equipped with sirens and an Xray machine, a cafe furnished with a sizzling grill and a pizza oven that blazes, and much more! Working with the talented team of fabricators, features such as lighting, paint finishes, and shapes of tactile exhibit pieces were finetuned to enhance children's learning experiences in the museum.

"This has been a big year for the Mississippi Children's Museum. Not only are we celebrating our 10-year anniversary, but we're preparing to open our very first satellite campus in Meridian," said MCM's President/CEO, Susan Garrard.

A virtual tour of the studio is featured on MCM's Facebook and Instagram pages. The tour not only gives you a peek at what's to come but also lightly touches on the fabrication progress from Kraemer Design + Production's early conceptual drawings all the way to Heartland Scenic Studio's construction documents, fabrication, and testing.

MCM-Meridian's exhibits will be complete in the latter part of 2020 and transported to Meridian for installation. The museum is anticipated to open in the Spring of 2021.

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering in its visitors a passion for lifelong learning, improving the health and well-being of Mississippi children, and instilling a sense of state pride in all Mississippi residents. The mission of MCM is to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. The goal of MCM is to inspire Mississippi’s children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts and Mississippi Heritage—the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. Museum exhibits provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. To learn more about MCM, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian

The Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian (MCM - Meridian) the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides unparalleled experiences that ignite a thirst for discovery, knowledge, and learning in all children. Currently, MCM - Meridian is building a 25,000-square foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy and Arts, STEAM, and Health and Nutrition with Cultural Arts and Mississippi History woven throughout all three galleries. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities will provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum which is dedicated to inspiring ALL of Mississippi’s children from ALL backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM - Meridian, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

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