



## Jackson Prep's Student Jake Mathews Named MCM Volunteer of the Month

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Jake "James" Mathews has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer at Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and has been named "Volunteer of the Month" for September.

Mathews, a student at Jackson Prep, has volunteered 23 hours in September. "Volunteering at the Mississippi Children's Museum means helping an organization that I was able to go to as a child and enjoy, so that other kids can also enjoy the museum," Mathews said.

During the pandemic, Jake stated he had more time to do things and thought volunteering at MCM would be a great opportunity. "I felt so grateful to be part of something bigger, and I was happy that I got to watch the kids have so much fun."

Sharon Griffin, MCM's Volunteer Coordinator, described Jake as being an inspirational leader. "Jake has been a great asset to the museum. He has maintained our gallery area on weekends and assisted with tutoring in the afternoons. His actions have raised the level of service MCM is providing to our guests and his contributions have made a difference during COVID-19."

When asked what he observed at the museum during his volunteer time, Jake commented, "I observed families having a great time, and I was able to see all that the kids were learning from the museum."

MCM is honored to have Jake Mathews serving as a volunteer and a role model for our guests.

### **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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