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MCM ACROSS MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is our state's largest cultural institution for children, providing world class exhibits and programs for Mississippi families. As the premiere children's museum in the state, MCM is distinctly poised to play an important role in making sure that the educational and cultural resources we create are accessible to Mississippi children no matter where they may live.

One significant way that MCM is expanding its statewide reach is to be in more places at once. In early 2021, MCM will be opening its very first satellite museum, **MCM-Meridian**. How better to provide increased museum access to children and families in different parts of our state than by building another extraordinary museum!

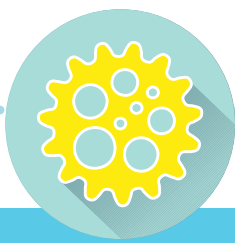
Field trips are another way MCM seeks to reach children from all over Mississippi. In fact, we will soon be welcoming our **250,000th field trip guest!** Thousands of students throughout the state visit with their schools and organizations each year. Since beginning our field trip program in early 2011, MCM

has hosted students from all of Mississippi's **82** counties; and since establishing our outreach program in 2016, we have reached children in **17** counties!

Statewide partnerships with businesses, organizations, and academic institutions who share MCM's vision for making Mississippi the best state in the nation for children to flourish is another crucial component to bringing our big, outreach goals to life. This issue of the MCM Playbook features many such partners who work with us to increase public accessibility to our unique services.

As we look toward the future, MCM is more committed than ever to giving Mississippi children access to quality experiences through innovative **exhibits**, engaging **programs**, and interactive special **events**. One of our top priorities is to continue to develop partnerships that will enable us to further our **outreach** goals and create more opportunities for children to experience all of the magic that MCM has to offer.

READ MORE ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES ►



MCM is dedicated to serving children throughout Mississippi. By providing mobile outreach exhibits, we are able to bring innovative, hands-on learning experiences to you!

In an effort to be more accessible to all Mississippi children, MCM has small, modular, traveling exhibits for rent to schools, libraries, and community centers. The purpose behind traveling exhibits is to blend museum programs and activities with permanent exhibits, which are designed to be easily assembled and disassembled in buildings, classrooms, libraries, museums, and in the community at special events. MCM traveling exhibits are interactive, educational, aligned with state standards, designed with children and families in mind, and most of all, they are FUN!



IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND™

Imagination Playground™ blocks are an incredible play system for unlocking children’s creative spirit!

Build with the big, blue blocks of *Imagination Playground™* - a mobile, block-based play system that transforms children’s minds, bodies, and spirits through active, creative play! This exhibit allows children to discover and create through unstructured free play. Comprised of an assortment of loose parts, including foam blocks in uniquely designed shapes, *Imagination Playground™* empowers children to constantly reconfigure the space around them and design their own course of play. Perfect for schools, educators have used *Imagination Playground™* to teach communication, logic, and creativity. Challenge children to build the tallest structure, work as teams, or tell a story and watch as they discover the power of imagination!

If you have attended a community event with MCM, there is a great chance that we had our *Imagination Playground™* in tow. MCM is proud to provide such a remarkable traveling exhibit to children throughout Mississippi!

STORY TO STAGE

Experience the fun and magic of the stage at one of the MCM’s newest and most entertaining exhibits, *Story to Stage*! In this program, children bring their favorite stories to life by exploring the elements of story creation, character development, and stage setting. This is the perfect activity for children who love books, theatre, and acting. *Story to Stage* fosters a creative, literary environment for children to be the authors of their very own narratives.

At MCM, we believe that early language development is the foundation to literacy, so we employ the arts as a central part of learning through play and creativity. Build literacy skills, encourage creativity, and spark dramatic dreams with *Story to Stage* at MCM on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. or rent it as a traveling exhibit for your school!

This exhibit was made possible, in part, by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



ROLL, MATCH, READ

MCM’s *Roll, Match, Read* traveling exhibit creates a fun learning experience for children ages zero to five years old. The exhibit promotes pre-school and kindergarten readiness through activities designed to teach letter recognition, shapes, colors, motor/social development, and more!

There are many different activities included in this exhibit - children can roll balls along magnetic tracks, match shapes using familiar pictures, cozy up in the book nook to read, spin a colorful wheel to see how colors mix together, play peek-a-boo, and crawl through a short tunnel. The exhibit area includes benches that provide a safe, partially enclosed space for protected play for adventurous toddlers, as well as a practice area for pulling up and a comfy spot for parents and caregivers to supervise age-appropriate play from a comfortable distance.

It is easy to see why *Roll, Match, Read* is such a popular exhibit at the museum and in the classroom!



RIGAMAJIG®

One of MCM’s most popular traveling exhibits is the *Rigamajig*® play system, an interactive set of wooden planks, wheels, and pulleys. *Rigamajig*® allows children to develop language, communication, and problem-solving skills that are key to cognitive development and science, technology, engineering, art, and math learning.

Unstructured, child-directed play has proven to help children develop physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually. *Rigamajig*® fits within the principles of MCM’s STEAM education initiative, which promotes focus on science, technology, engineering, math, and art through hands-on, inquiry-based learning to provide children opportunities for creativity, innovation, collaboration, and critical thinking.

The *Rigamajig*® play system is the perfect opportunity to set students free and see where their creativity takes them!

Rigamajig® was granted to MCM by Morgan Stanley and the national non-profit KaBOOM!



GET HEART SMART

With MCM’s program, *Get Heart Smart*, students will experience the circulatory system like never before - as a blood cell! As the “blood cells” travel through the larger than life heart and lungs floor map, students will learn about the anatomy of heart, its primary functions, and the role the circulatory system plays in our overall health.

“Jackson Heart Foundation is a proud partner and supporter of MCM’s *Get Heart Smart* traveling outreach program. This interactive program aligns with our mission of leading the fight against heart disease [in our community] through education, prevention, and early detection,” said Morgan Geary, Executive Director of the Jackson Heart Foundation. “Two of our main goals are to empower children and adults through education and encourage healthier lifestyles in our community. The *Get Heart Smart* program helps in both areas by educating, from a young age, the importance of heart healthy eating habits and knowledge of the cardiovascular system while also benefiting from an interactive physical learning environment. We believe this outreach program is vital to the well-being of young children across the state and gets us one step closer to winning the fight on heart disease in Mississippi.”

As a traveling exhibit, *Get Heart Smart* is designed to be accessible, affordable, and active - providing teachers and students with information and hands-on experiences to promote small, healthy changes that will make BIG differences. Schools may also request to experience MCM’s *Get Heart Smart* exhibit during a planned field trip to the museum. Simply request this activity at the time of registration!



STEAM OUTREACH

MCM strives to provide Mississippi children with access to quality, science-based experiences designed to provide a strong foundation in STEAM subject areas. At MCM, we believe that the skills acquired through STEAM education are vital to encouraging the next generation of creative thinkers and doers and should be accessible to children no matter where they live in our state. Out of this sentiment was born MCM's new STEAM Outreach program!

MCM STEAM Coordinator, Kate Perry, has been instrumental in creating the new STEAM Outreach program. She says, "At MCM, we are focused on providing relevant and critical programming for our young learners. I believe focusing on STEAM is necessary in today's world. By providing STEAM Outreach in locations across our state, we are striving to inspire, increase access, and prepare Mississippi's leaders of tomorrow."



CURRENT STEAM OUTREACH PROGRAM OFFERINGS:



GROOVY LAVA LAMPS

Lava Lamps is designed to spark amazement while educating students about density, molecules, and gas. Each student will watch what happens when oil, water, food coloring, and Alka-Seltzer come together. After the demonstration, everyone will have the opportunity to create their own lava lamp to take home!



MAGIC MILK

While Magic Milk may appear to be just a simple magic trick, it is actually a fun, interactive experiment demonstrating molecular movement at its finest. Students will see first-hand how milk, food coloring, and soap interact on a molecular level. After the demonstration, students will have the opportunity to use their magic milk experiment as inspiration for an art piece.



KALEIDOSCOPES

Discover what happens when you observe the world through reflective surfaces! With a focus on how mirrors reflect, students will experience first-hand how using a kaleidoscope can offer a spectacular view of the world. Each student will have the chance to build their own kaleidoscope to take home and share with their friends and family.



THE SOUNDS OF SEASHELLS

What is sound? What is ambient sound? Why do we hear the "ocean" when we put a seashell to our ear? These are the questions that will be answered during our seashell activity! Students will explore seashells and other objects that create ambient sound. After investigating the answers to these age-old questions, students will create their own unique seashells to take home and enjoy.

For more information on MCM's STEAM Outreach program, please visit mschildrensmuseum.org.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips to MCM promote hands-on, inquiry-based learning that help to foster valuable critical thinking skills and an enthusiasm for educational discovery. MCM field trips are aligned with state educational standards set by the Mississippi Department of Education, and it is our goal that new ideas can ignite as students become interested in making connections to classroom concepts during their museum experience.

"Offering impactful educational field trips at MCM is fundamental to our mission of providing unparalleled experiences that ignite a thirst for discovery, knowledge, and learning in all children," said Sheri Bradford, MCM Director of Enrichment. "We work daily and diligently to develop standards-based exhibits and programs that reinforce what is being taught in the classroom. Whether a group brings 15 or 400 students, we offer an experience like no other in our state. For many students, a visit to MCM is their first trip outside of their home county. Working with educators statewide, we strive to make the very most of their time spent with us!"

Since the museum's opening in 2010, MCM has been visited by over 233,000 children on field trip and group visits, and we have hosted schools and organizations from all of Mississippi's 82 counties. One of MCM's true driving forces is to be a one-of-a-kind resource not just for children in our backyard, but for children throughout our state. With this in mind, we will continue moving forward until we've been able to touch the lives of children from every town, every school district, and every walk of life in Mississippi!

QUEST FOR A QUARTER MILLION

MCM is on the Quest for a Quarter Million - a quarter of a million field trip visitors, that is!

Since opening its doors in December of 2010, MCM has served thousands of students, teachers, and chaperones through our field trip visits. So many, in fact, we estimate that our 250,000th field trip guest will visit the museum sometime during the 2020 school year!

We will celebrate this exciting milestone by gifting an onsite outreach program to a randomly selected field trip group who visits MCM between August 1, 2019 and until we reach our goal. The winning group will have one year to use the awarded outreach program, which will be chosen by MCM staff based on the group's age, number of students, and program availability.

Sign up for a field trip today and give your students the chance to experience a free session with one of MCM's hands-on, inquiry-based, and fun outreach programs at your school!

For more information about Field Trips and Group Visits, e-mail MCM's Education Coordinator, Phillip Weisenberger, at fieldtrips@mcm.ms or call 601.709.8962.



CLASSROOM FEATURE

Meet Ms. Penelope Saxton's 2nd Grade Class from Philadelphia Elementary School in Philadelphia, Mississippi who visited the museum in April 2019. MCM is honored to be a top field trip destination for children and schools all across our state!



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BREAKING GROUND

After four years of dreaming big and working around the clock, the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian will officially be breaking ground and beginning construction on the 20,000+ square foot museum this fall!

The on-site groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate all of the accomplishments that have taken place to get the project to where it is today. Years of impassioned fundraising, strategic planning, community collaboration, intensive educational research, dedicated volunteer work, and countless other tasks have gone into creating East Mississippi's first children's museum and the Mississippi Children's Museum's first satellite campus.

"When I reflect on MCM-Meridian's journey thus far, it is truly amazing to think about the amount of time and work that has gone into each day of bringing this project to life. In only four years, we have taken a dream and made it a reality," said MCM-Meridian Executive Director, Liz Wilson.

"This celebratory milestone would not be possible without our incredible team of volunteers and the talented MCM staff in Jackson and Meridian who've worked tirelessly to get us here. Both our community and state have so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to!"

MCM-Meridian is on schedule to open its doors in early 2021, and the MCM family could not be prouder or more thrilled. For information on how you can get involved in this historic community development, head over to mcmmeridian.org.

Make a Lasting Impact

Make a lasting impact by purchasing an artisan-designed, acrylic donor airplane in your name or in memory or honor of a loved one that will be installed in a permanent art installation at MCM-Meridian!

Designed by Hattiesburg artist, Jeremy Thomley, the fabricated acrylic airplanes will be approximately one foot long and will hold up to 30 characters to display a loved one's name. The airplanes will be displayed in a prominent location outside of the museum.

The donor airplanes keep in the spirit of MCM-Meridian's *Take Flight Mississippi* public campaign, which has invited the entire community to participate in raising \$1,000,000 to complete the financial portion of the project. To date, \$400,000 of this goal has been raised. The donor airplanes are a part of a final fundraising push and are an important financial and strategic resource that will enable MCM-Meridian to continue to fulfill its mission of creating an extraordinary children's museum. For information on how you can purchase this one-of-a-kind donor airplane to honor your family for generations to come, please visit: mcmmeridian.org.

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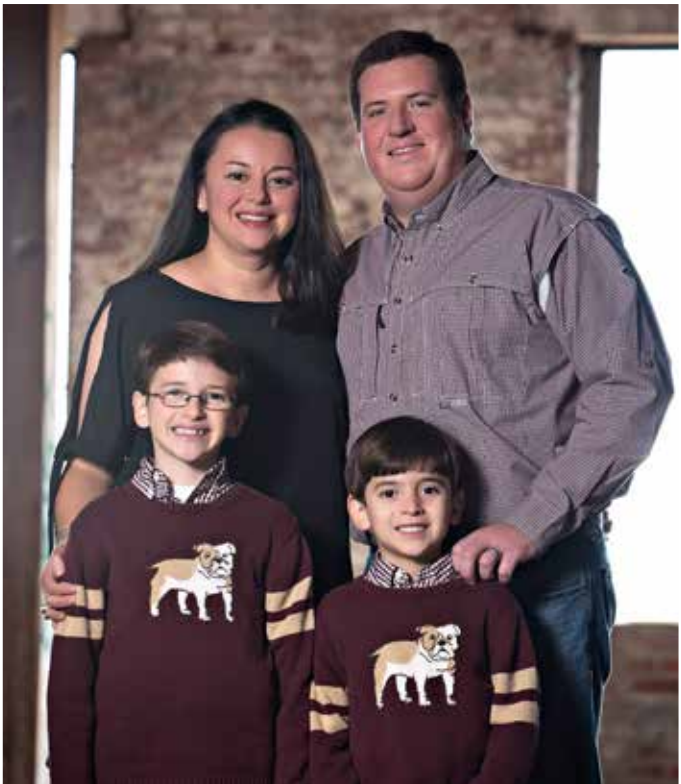
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David and his wife, Isabelita, with sons, Matthew and Christopher.

MCM-MERIDIAN SUPPORTER | DAVID HALL

There are many generous people with different types of expertise needed to make a project like MCM-Meridian come to fruition. Longtime supporter and CEO and President of Halltree, Inc., a third generation, East Mississippi timber business, David Hall, is one such special person.

Hall has been involved with MCM-Meridian for several years now - first serving on the Site Committee and now serving as a member of the Building Committee and Advisory Board. Hall's background in building and business administration has been an invaluable tool for getting the project to where it is today: soon to celebrate its official groundbreaking!

"MCM-Meridian is an amazing opportunity for Meridian, Lauderdale County, and the surrounding area," said Hall. "It will serve as an educational asset to the children and families of our community and as an additional driver for tourism to Meridian, improving economic development opportunities and the quality of life for all. This is why it is so important to have support from both our community as a whole, as well as individual residents."



MCM-MERIDIAN STAFF | LILY DORIAN

Rising Millsaps College senior and arts enthusiast, Lily Dorian, has spent her summer serving as a super-intern in Meridian as part of the Phil Hardin Internship program at Millsaps College in Jackson.

Pursuing a degree in Studio Art with minors in Museum Studies and Psychology, Dorian has fit right in and provided valuable skills and perspective to the MCM-Meridian team. Throughout her internship, she has been able to put her background in art and museum studies to good use. To her delight, she has been included on a wide variety of important tasks - from visiting the Department of Archives and History to conduct exhibit research to creating videos for digital media purposes.

"As someone who had never been to Meridian, I quickly came to realize how important this museum will be to the community," says Dorian. "It was truly incredible to see the immense support from people throughout the region at all of the various events I was able to attend this summer. This is a project that would not be possible without all of this support, and I am truly honored to have been a part of it."

MCM DONOR | MAG CAP

MAG CAP is a Jackson-based wealth management firm that seeks to assist clients in reaching a wide range of financial and life goals. For MAG CAP, values are the foundation of everything they do for their clients and community. The firm's amazing commitment to community was on full display this summer at MCM when they acted as a premiere sponsor for MCM Partners' signature fundraiser, *Neon Night!*

One of MAG CAP's Founding Partners, Charles Marion, Jr., has been instrumental in creating a wonderful partnership with MCM. As a native of Jackson and father to three children, doing his part to make this community the best it can be is deeply personal.

"A primary goal of MAG CAP is using our unique background to benefit local communities and partner states," said Marion. "We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with an outstanding organization like the Mississippi Children's Museum."

MCM is so grateful to be able to partner with community giants like MAG CAP who share our vision for making Mississippi a place where children and families can thrive.



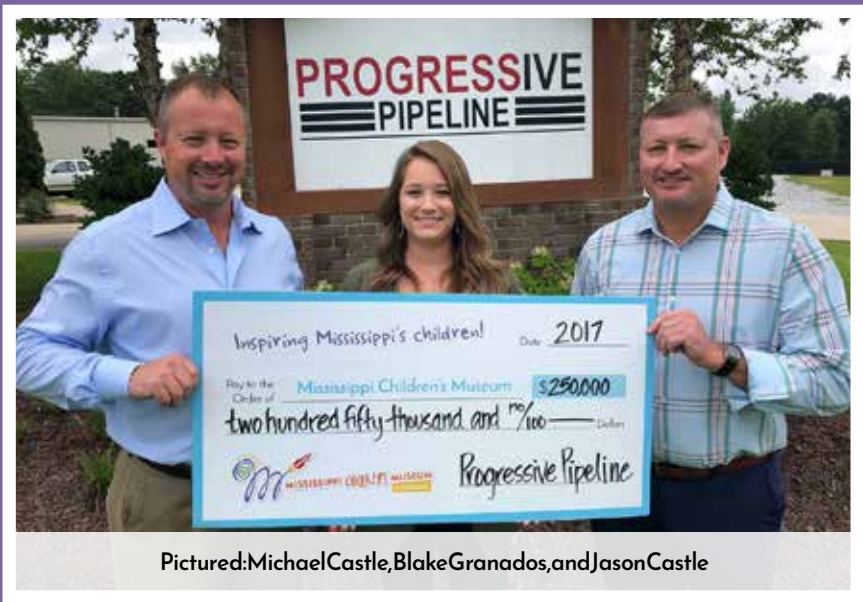
From left to right: Stephen Griner, Vaiden Clark, Chad Lopes, Charles Marion, and Stephen Buehler

MCM-MERIDIAN DONOR | PROGRESSIVE PIPELINE

Family-owned pipeline construction company, Progressive Pipeline, is an East Mississippi business that has always been operated in the spirit of quality, integrity, and above all, safety. It is because of this sincere generosity of spirit that they are currently celebrating their 20th year in business!

Progressive Pipeline values family and believes that MCM-Meridian will bring many amazing aspects of family life and improvement not only to the city of Meridian, but also to the lives of their employees throughout the state and far beyond.

Blake Granados, Event Marketing Specialist of Progressive Pipeline, comments on their support of MCM-Meridian: "To make a positive difference and truly impact a community, there must be firm support backing the change. Progressive Pipeline is proud to be a donor of this project and to team up with this organization to make a tremendous impact on our home of Meridian. Creating and maintaining a vision for community has really exploded and taken "flight" in the last few years, and the growth is truly shining through. MCM-Meridian is an important feature for our city and surrounding areas - one that will continue to thrive and implement growth for generations."



Pictured: Michael Castle, Blake Granados, and Jason Castle

MCM STAFF | PHILLIP WEISENBERGER

Education Coordinator, Phillip Weisenberger, makes all of our field trip and program outreach dreams come true at MCM.

Weisenberger has been with MCM since November of 2018 and has made a tremendous impact on the museum in a short amount of time. Anyone will tell you that Weisenberger is the type of employee and co-worker who goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure MCM is the best it can be. When asked what his favorite part of the work day is, he said: "All day is my favorite time of day, because I truly love my job!"

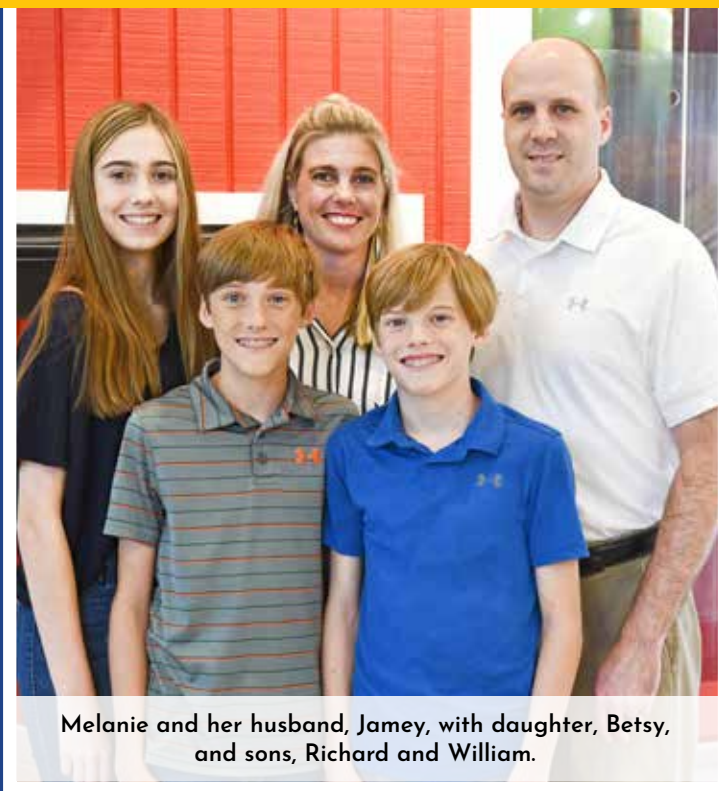
In June of this year, Weisenberger was voted by his peers at the museum as MCM's Employee of the Quarter - a wonderful testament to his character and work ethic. Also, something special to know about Phillip is that he and his wife, Amber, are new parents to their first child who was born in August. Congratulations to the Weisenberger family!

Jackson resident and super-mom of three, Melanie Burrow, has been a treasured member of the MCM Partners Board since 2017 and is the 2019-2020 MCM Partners President.

Melanie is not the only Burrow who has been an active member of the museum since its opening, so has the rest of her family! Her husband, Jamey Burrow, helps out wherever needed - anything from sponsoring a literacy program dinner to cleaning up after an event, he is always up for pitching in! Her three children, Betsy (15) and twins, Richard and William (13), have grown up playing at the museum - Betsy has even participated as an MCM Volunteer. For the Burrows, being involved with MCM is truly a family affair!

"Jamey and I were both raised in the Jackson-metro area, and we believe that it is our responsibility to invest in our community. This is the place where we chose to raise our family, and we want our children to know the importance of making the place you live the very best it can be," said Burrow. As a child, her mother, Margie Largent, was very invested in their community. "Growing up, the question was always: not if we were going to volunteer, but where. And for my family, MCM was an obvious choice for us."

MCM SUPPORTER | MELANIE BURROW



Melanie and her husband, Jamey, with daughter, Betsy, and sons, Richard and William.

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MCM PARTNERS PRESENTS 10 YEARS OF FUN!

Two nights each year, the MCM Partners open the museum just for grown-ups! One such event when adults get to have some fun of their own while helping to fund the mission and outreach efforts of the museum is *Ignite the Night*. This year, *Ignite the Night* Chair, Lori Quarles, and Co-Chair, Gene Wright, have put together a celebration set to top the charts!

On February 8, 2020, the MCM Partners will be celebrating the museum's 10th Anniversary with *Ignite the Night: 10 Years of Fun*. "Knowing that 2020 will be MCM's 10th birthday instantly gave us our theme - what could be better than throwing the museum a birthday party!" said Quarles. "We are planning quite the party with great live music, a fabulous silent auction, grown-up birthday party treats from Wendy Putt and Fresh Cut Catering & Floral, and games that children might play at a party but with an adult twist."

This year's Chair and Co-chair have already proven to be an amazing duo. Life-long Jackson resident and current *Ignite the Night* Chair, Lori Quarles, is the Development Manager at JDRF and has been heavily involved with the museum and MCM Partners since 2014. "*Ignite the Night* is special for so many reasons," she said. "I do not have children but am a child at heart, and MCM is a great place to be a child again - *Ignite the Night* allows adults to do just that!"

Event Co-Chair, Gene Wright, is a longtime supporter of MCM, because she believes that "every child who walks through the door - regardless of their background - is invited to dream!" Wright is the Communications Director for Madison County Schools and the mother of two children who are also big fans of the museum!

"We are hoping that *Ignite the Night* this year will be an opportunity to celebrate all of the many people and organizations who helped initiate and then sustain and grow MCM for the last 10 years," said Wright. "Without giving too much away, you will never see a 10th birthday party quite like this one!"

MCM is extremely grateful to our amazingly dedicated and talented MCM Partners who work so hard to bring these wonderful events to life. This February, we hope you'll join us in dancing the night away for this epic tribute to 10 Years of Fun at MCM!



Guests partied in style at *Ignite the Night: Hamptons Holiday* on February 9, 2019.



Ignite the Night tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages, along with live music, a silent auction, and more!

Congratulations to the MCM Partners' newest Board of Directors!

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One of MCM's key educational initiatives is to foster early interest in STEM subjects - this is where the LeFleur Museum District's award-winning Mississippi Science Fest (MSF) comes into play!

MCM has worked diligently to develop strong community and statewide partnerships with industry leaders to make MSF one of the best STEM resources and events in Mississippi! Experts and special guests from science-based industries across Mississippi will join MSF as exhibitors to provide hands-on experiences for children and families, inspiring them to explore the multitude of STEM-related career possibilities that exist in our 21st Century world. By bringing these experts together, MSF is able to show the range of career and educational opportunities that exist while also sparking participants' curiosity, excitement, and interest.

In 2019, MSF was recognized by the Mississippi Tourism Association as "Small Festival of the Year" and a "Top 20 Event" by the Southeast Tourism Society. This year's MSF will take place on Saturday, September 21 with STEM-industry exhibitors that will be spread across all four LeFleur District museums!



Reaching as many Mississippi children as possible means everything to MCM. Thanks to generous funding from Toyota, MCM has been able to provide preschool and elementary students in Northeast Mississippi access to our *Roll, Match, Read* traveling exhibit since 2015.

Throughout the course of this grant period, the exhibit was available to students at King Early Childhood Education Center in Tupelo, New Albany Elementary School in New Albany, and Pontotoc Library in Pontotoc. During this time, nearly 5,000 students, educators, and caregivers have experienced *Roll, Match, Read*!

"Investing in quality early childhood education is fundamental to creating a stronger impact and greater academic success for students," said Emily Wilemond-Holland, Corporate Communications Analyst with Toyota Motor North America. "Toyota Mississippi's five-year partnership with the Mississippi Children's Museum has allowed us the opportunity to provide enhanced reading resources for our youngest students in Lee, Pontotoc, and Union counties. Through deploying *Roll, Match, Read* at public early childhood education centers, we are providing a safe space for students to explore essential educational needs."

MCM believes in the vital opportunities for motor skill development and early literacy skill exploration that our *Roll, Match, Read* exhibit offers, and we are grateful for statewide partners who provide us with the resources needed to share our exhibits with children across the state!



MCM partners with education organizations and schools across Mississippi to collaborate on and facilitate the Magnolia Book Awards, a yearly book award which honors children's favorite books in four age categories. The ultimate goal of the Magnolia Book Awards is to introduce Mississippi children and teens to current literature in hopes of instilling a lifelong love of reading.

The Magnolia Books Awards is a partnership of Mississippi Children's Museum, the Mississippi Department of Education, the Mississippi Library Association, the Mississippi Library Commission, and Divisions of the University of Southern Mississippi: The School of Library and Information Science, Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, and The deGrummond Children's Literature Collection.

It is because of these amazing statewide partnerships that MCM is able to participate in providing this engaging children's choice award for youth literature in the state of Mississippi!

Voting is held annually in February, with winners announced each April at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Visit our website for more information!

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FUTURE LOOK
WONDER OF WELLNESS



In late 2018, MCM was awarded an amazing grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to design a *Wonder of Wellness* program for children and their caregivers.

MCM is in the process of hosting planning meetings with community and state partners from medical, social, and emotional health fields and childhood development organizations to create a new program that will increase health education for children in Jackson and develop a replicable curriculum for other communities throughout the state.

“The *Wonder of Wellness* program is designed to teach children and their caregivers about the impact that physical activity, healthy eating, and even emotional health can have on their bodies,” shared Monique Ealey, MCM Director of Programs and Education. “MCM is working with community partners to create a brand-new health program that can be offered to children in Jackson and across the state.”

MCM TRADING POST: WE INSPIRE FUN!

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B. Fairy Finery Wings, Cape and Skirt- Discover the world of imaginative play in studio-made dress up clothing and accessories made in the USA.

C. Popover Stove & Add-ons- Take any ordinary chair and turn it into a fun toy with PopOhVer! A blast to play with, a breeze to clean!

D. Little Medical School Kit- Choose from pediatrician, sports surgeon, or veterinarian. Kit offers aspiring doctors a wide variety of hands-on and educational activities. Students conclude their activities with a graduation ceremony and diploma.

E. Babu Stacking Baby Toys- Whimsical, wooden toys promote creativity and help children work on fine motor skills.

F. Tangle Night Soccer Ball- Inflated Soccer ball illuminates brightly with every kick and pass.

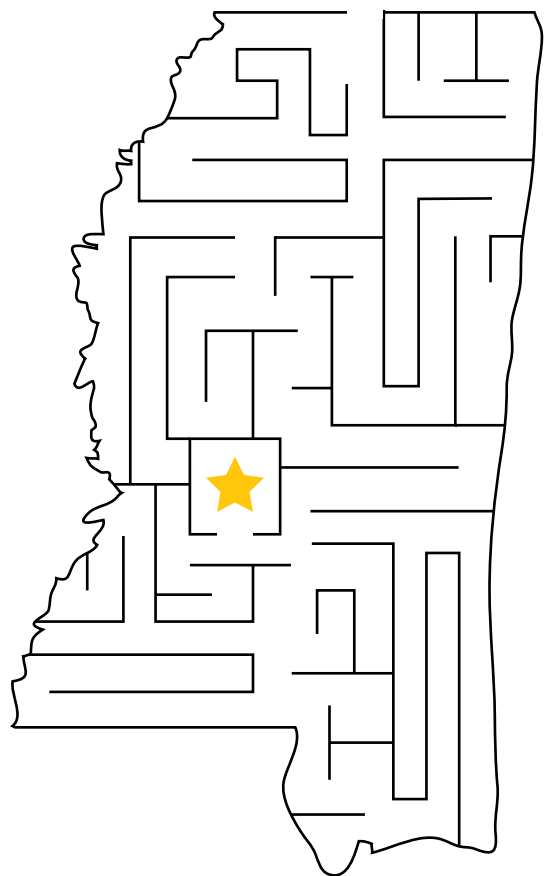
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MCM FALL/WINTER 2019 CALENDAR


Please note that these dates and events are subject to change. Visit mschildrensmuseum.org for an up-to-date schedule.

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Saturday
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National Chess Day
9:00 am - 5:00 pm




Saturday
19

Nuclear Science Street Fair
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Friday
25


Park After Dark
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Ticketed Event



Tuesday
29


Play. Eat. Learn.
5:30 - 7:15 pm

NOV




Saturday
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PhUn Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm




Monday
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Magic Monday
Museum open
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Monday
25

Journey to the North Pole Members-Only Preview Party
5:30 - 8:00 pm



Tuesday
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Journey to the North Pole Opening Day
9:00 - 5:00 pm

Museum Holiday Closings

THURSDAY
November 28

TUESDAY
December 24


WEDNESDAY
December 25

WEDNESDAY
January 1

DEC


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Check our website for a complete list of dates and times!




Friday
6

'Twas the Night at the Museum
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm




Monday
23 and 30

Magic Monday
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9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Monday
23


Winter Day Camp
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Tuesday
31


Noon Year's Eve Celebration
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Saturday
18

Storytelling Festival
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Monday
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Magic Monday
Museum open
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Tuesday
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