

# St. Andrew's Student, Maya LeFlore, Named MCM Volunteer of the Month



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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Maya LeFlore has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and has been named "Volunteer of the Month" for April.

LeFlore is a student at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, and she has volunteered 72 hours since January 2021. She says she likes to volunteer at the Mississippi Children's Museum, because she enjoys seeing young children learn in a fun environment.

Maya says that volunteering is important to her for many reasons. "Volunteering is about being a part of something greater than yourself. It's important to me to know that in some small way I am helping to make the world a little brighter," LeFlore says.

Sharon Griffin, MCM's Volunteer Coordinator, describes Maya as being an excellent volunteer. "The children really respond to her, and I believe that is probably due to her patience with them. I can see their confidence growing with each session she has with them, and they are improving with each opportunity, even the ones that struggle at times," Griffin says.

When asked what her favorite part of volunteering at MCM is, LeFlore says, "I love working the Run, Jump and Stick exhibit. The joy on the kids' faces as they get stuck is amazing to witness." Maya has learned that volunteering at a children's museum can be fun, but also challenging. "I have learned a lesson in patience. It's sometimes frustrating to see the prop you just picked up immediately knocked back down, but the fun and lifelong memories the children are having is worth my temporary frustration," LeFlore says.

"Maya has such an outstanding ability to meet each child at their ability level and work up from there. The children are so lucky to have her, and so are we," Griffin says. The Mississippi Children's Museum thanks Maya LeFlore for her service as a reliable volunteer and appreciates her time and dedication to MCM.

### **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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