



MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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University of Mississippi Student, Nivedha Kosalram, Named MCM Volunteer of the Quarter

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Nivedha Kosalram has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and has been named "Volunteer of the Quarter" for the summer.

Kosalram is a sophomore studying at the University of Mississippi. She said she chose to volunteer at MCM because it provides an ideal environment for quality service by giving children the opportunity to learn, grow, and allow volunteers to develop their professional skills.

"My favorite part about volunteering at MCM is watching children explore their interests through hands-on exhibits and activities," Kosalram said, "I think the museum fosters early learning in children by helping them gather information about the world in an educational and enjoyable way."

Kosalram recognizes the Mississippi Children's Museum as a meaningful organization that can cause significant impact in our community. "My advice to others is to combine your goals with your passion and make a positive impact in today's society," Kosalram said.

Sharon Griffin, MCM's Volunteer Coordinator, describes Kosalram as a dedicated volunteer that is a valuable piece of MCM's volunteer program. "Nivedha has been an outstanding volunteer for MCM. She takes her volunteer responsibilities seriously, which gives our visitors a special experience," Griffin said.

The Mississippi Children's Museum is grateful for Kosalram's time and dedication as an MCM volunteer. MCM offers volunteer opportunities for both youth and adults, for more information and to apply to volunteer visit <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/jackson/get-involved/volunteer/>.

About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. 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. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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