



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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# The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Seeks Volunteers for First Annual *Fall Fix Up*

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The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian seeks helping hands for its first annual Fall Fix Up.

Meridian, Miss. (August 9, 2022) – Gear up for service at the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) during Fall Fix Up from September 6 – 8.

During Fall Fix Up, the museum will close to the public so volunteers can repair, paint, and clean the facility after a summer of fun! This process is necessary to keep the museum in prime condition for visitors throughout the year.

Since opening in the Spring of 2021, over 89,000 visitors have touched, climbed, and explored the museum's 10,000 square feet of indoor exhibits and 25,000 square feet of outdoor adventure. To ensure the museum is clean and operating at its full potential, MCM-Meridian is requesting community and corporate volunteers to assist with remediations and improvements.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to work in shifts from Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer for Fall Fix Up, or at any time during the year, please contact MCM-Meridian's Front Desk Coordinator, Whitney Gowdy, at 601.512.0283 or [whitney@mcm.ms](mailto:whitney@mcm.ms).

Once Fall Fix Up is completed, the museum will return to normal operations on Friday, September 9 at 9am.

### About the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian

The Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian (MCM – Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around five primary initiatives: Literacy,

STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum's exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities provide engaging, hands-on 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](http://www.mcmmeridian.org).

### **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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