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Jung Tai Named MCM-Meridian Volunteer of the Quarter

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Jung Tai has been named MCM-Meridian's "Volunteer of the Quarter" for her outstanding volunteer service.

Meridian, Miss. (August 24, 2022) – Jung Tai has been recognized as an outstanding volunteer at the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) and has been named "Volunteer of the Quarter."

Jung is in the U.S. Navy currently stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian, where she works as a Hospital Corpsman Dental Assistant. Because Jung travels frequently for work, she said she chose to volunteer at MCM-Meridian as a way to feel connected to the community.

Jung recognizes the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian as a place where you can play, learn, serve, and make people smile. "Interacting with children is a unique experience of its own. On top of that, ... I have learned so much about the southern hospitality and unique local culture interacting with children and their parents," Jung said. "At MCM-Meridian, I very much enjoy working on projects alongside super talented, diligent staff."

Whitney Gowdy, MCM-Meridian's Front Desk Coordinator, describes Jung as a dedicated volunteer that is a valuable part of MCM-Meridian's volunteer program. "Jung is a joy to be around and has such a positive attitude. She's very interactive with children and families and makes an effort to connect with them," Whitney said.

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

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.

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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