



## Kick Off the Holiday Season at *A Very Merry Night* at the Mississippi Children's Museum

### MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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(Jackson, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) Partners to host a new family fundraising event, *A Very Merry Night*, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6-9 p.m.

*A Very Merry Night* is the premiere holiday event, which will take place on the opening night of MCM's popular *Journey to the North Pole* holiday exhibit in Jackson. This magical evening will give families early access to photos with Santa, first access to the 45-foot Snowflake Slide and Reindeer Rink. In addition to delicious food and adult beverages, this night will feature a hot cocoa bar, live DJ, and festive STEAM programming.

Tickets for *A Very Merry Night* are \$25 and host tickets are available for \$250. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door (<https://one.bidpal.net/averymerrynight22>).

*Journey to the North Pole* transforms MCM's Gertrude C. Ford Exhibition Hall into a magical winter wonderland of snowy skies, glittering holiday decorations, and invitations for memorable family holiday experiences! Just inside the front door, guests will find our enchanting 45-foot Snowflake Slide, cascading over the central staircase, always a favorite for children (and their adults!) Guests must be 36" or taller to ride down. Also nearby, children will find decorations to build a life-size gingerbread house. An exciting return for everyone is the child-favorite Reindeer Rink for sock skating (children must bring socks for this experience). *Journey to the North Pole* will be open to the public Nov. 20-Jan. 8 and is included with MCM general admission.

*A Very Merry Night* is sponsored by Entergy, BCBS Mississippi, Caterpillar (Puckett), Butler Snow, Jones Walker, Community Bank, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, Paula and Randy James, Mississippi Center for Advanced Medicine, Shonda Yates, Miller Lumber Sales, Eagle Express Federal Credit Union, Empower Children's Clinic, Cathy and George May, The Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation, and Nell Knox.

#### **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 53,000-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. To learn more about MCM visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

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