

## The Mississippi Children's Museum to Host Noon Year's Eve Celebration

## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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(Jackson, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Children's Museum's (MCM) will host a special Noon Year's Eve celebration on Saturday, Dec.  $31^{st}$  from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Festivities will include countdowns at 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. and a grand finale at noon with confetti cannons, a traditional style countdown, and a balloon drop. Create your own noisemaker and countdown clock, add your New Year's wishes to our Wishing Wall, make a New Year's hat, and so much more!

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Noon Year's Eve is included with \$10 general admission and free with museum membership. The museum will be closed on New Year's Day. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. *Journey to the North Pole*, MCM's holiday exhibit will be open until Jan. 8.

Journey to the North Pole features:

- 45-foot Snowflake Slide (Must be 36" to ride)
- Reindeer Rink sock skating (Must bring socks for this experience)
- Magical train cars, a child-sized post office, letters to Santa, holiday train table with toy trains and village elements
- Santa's Stocking Stories, inspired by Eudora Welty's living room

More information on Journey to the North Pole:

https://mschildrensmuseum.org/seasonal\_exhibits/journey-to-the-north-pole/

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## 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 <a href="https://www.mschildrensmuseum.org">www.mschildrensmuseum.org</a>.