



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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# Molina Healthcare to Sponsor Family Health and Literacy Program with \$35,000 Gift to Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian

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Meridian, Miss. (March 28, 2023) – On Tuesday, March 28th, representatives from Molina Healthcare of Mississippi presented the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) with a \$35,000 contribution to sponsor the museum's *Happy Healthy Families* program for the second year in a row.

Taking place in the Summer of 2023, this four-part family program series aims to empower participating caregivers and children to make healthy choices by providing them with the tools, skills, and resources needed to put them on a path toward lifelong wellness.

MCM-Meridian, with the support of Molina Healthcare, will engage 25 families through a partnership with the Meridian Housing Authority to participate in a 4-session program that focuses on improving the social/emotional wellness, health/nutrition, and healthy physical habits of the participating children and families. Literacy will be a foundational piece of this programming with each family receiving one children's book per session that relates to the program topics.

The participants will complete a pre- and post- survey to indicate any changes in family health/nutrition, social/emotional wellness, physical activity and literacy attitudes and behaviors during the life of the program.

The dates for the program are June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 18 from 4:30-6:30pm. A light supper will be provided to the 25 participating families from 4:30pm - 5:00pm before programming takes place from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

### 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, explorative, hands-on educational 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.mcmeridian.org](http://www.mcmeridian.org).

#### About The MolinaCares Accord

Established by Molina Healthcare, Inc., The MolinaCares Accord oversees a community investment platform created to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged populations by funding meaningful, measurable, and innovative programs and solutions that improve health, life, and living in local communities. The MolinaCares Accord funds such measures through The Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) established in 2020 by Molina Healthcare, Inc.

#### About Molina Healthcare of Mississippi

Molina Healthcare of Mississippi has been providing government-funded, quality health care since 2018. The Company serves members through Medicaid (Mississippi Coordinated Access Network/MississippiCAN and Children's Health Insurance Plan/CHIP) and Marketplace. Through its locally operated health plans, Molina Healthcare, Inc., a FORTUNE 500 company, served approximately 4.7 million members as of June 30, 2021. For more information about Molina Healthcare of Mississippi, visit MolinaHealthcare.com.

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