

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 holiday family fundraising event, *A Very Merry Night*, on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m.

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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 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 at mcm.ms or at the door the night of the event.

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. 19-Jan. 7 and is included with MCM general admission.

A Very Merry Night is sponsored by HORNE, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, Capital Ortho, Simmons Erosion Control, Inc., Paula and Randy James, Melanie and Jamey Burrow, Jones Walker, LLP, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP, Friends of Children's Hospital, Janet and Charlie Spain, Shanda Yates and Yancy Burns, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Magnolia Health, Puckett Machinery, Milling Pediatric Dentistry, Burr & Foreman, LLP, Jackson Prep Lower School, Brunini, Cathy and George W. May Jr., Pediatric Urgent Care By MCAM, Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation, FORVIS, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Eagle Express Federal Credit Union, Knell Knox, Butler Snow, LLP, Sysco of Jackson, Fondren Cellars, Hederman

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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. MCM's two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through MCM at Home virtual programming, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and *Talk from the Start*, an initiative for parents and caregivers to promote language development in children from birth to five years old.

MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today's '10Best Travel Award for Best Children's Museum. Learn more: www.mschildrensmuseum.org

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