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A New Exhibit Opens at The Mississippi Children's Museum

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Jackson, Miss. (Nov. 2, 2023) – The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) opens a new water table in the existing *Exploring Mississippi* gallery.

The new water table offers innovative experiences, along with similar charm of the previous water table, which still takes visitors on an adventure down the Mississippi River – a landmark experience of the Mississippi Map Top.

"MCM's *Exploring Mississippi* gallery and water table exhibit have been a cherished favorite for many children over the last 13 years," said Susan Garrard, MCM President, "Thanks to the support from the Luckyday Foundation, this exhibit will continue to delight guests for years to come!"

MCM's iconic water tower that includes a three-dimensional catfish and live-action guitar was refurbished and returned to its original place of prominence and updated with new manipulative features that allow children to play with water. There are over 20 interactive experiences to inspire creativity in children as they explore different features and experiment with water. Children can create a boat race obstacle course with duplos and hone their engineering skills by changing the direction of the river channel with two handwheels. Guests can visit the crane port and boat dock to load cargo, interact with two rain clouds, and get a hands-on hydraulics lesson with the water vortex. Children will still be able to fish for catfish, and they can also catch shrimp with real nets. A duo of water guns allows guests to create their own symphony with chimes. The most popular feature is the fog mushroom, which lets children learn about phases of the water cycle as they observe the fog cloud grow and then disappear!

This exhibit is made possible thanks to funding from the Luckyday Foundation.

Jamie Houston, Chairman of the Luckyday Foundation stated, "Some years ago, the Foundation assisted with the installation of the Mississippi climbing map in memory of our donor Frank Rogers Day and in recognition of his great affection for the state of Mississippi and its residents. The Foundation is pleased to enhance this educational exhibit with the addition of the new water table for our children to experience and enjoy."

MCM is open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 for children and adults and free with museum membership. For more information, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

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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