



Kick Off the Holiday Season at the 4th Annual *A Very Merry Night* Fundraiser 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. 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., made possible by the title sponsor, Drs. Allison and Austin Barrett.

A Very Merry Night is MCM's premiere holiday event, which will take place on the opening night of the popular *Journey to the North Pole* holiday exhibit at the Mississippi Children's Museum. This magical evening offers families exclusive early-access to Jackson's ultimate family-friendly holiday exhibit. This night will feature photos with Santa, delicious food and adult beverages, holiday-themed programming, and more. This year's special offerings include a 360 Photo Booth, a Hat-Making Bar (Additional Purchase Required), and everyone's favorite tradition of adopting a new stuffed friend to take home, complete with a birth certificate and a cozy scarf.

Tickets for *A Very Merry Night* can be pre-purchased online for \$35/Adult, \$15/Child, and Host packages are available for \$250. Ticket prices will increase on the day of the event, so pre-purchase yours today!

During this signature holiday event, *A Very Merry Night* celebrates the opening of *Journey to the North Pole*. This exhibit transforms the museum into a magical winter village of snowy skies, glittering holiday decorations, and memorable experiences for children both big and small. Just inside the front door, guests are greeted by a towering, glittering tree and the family-favorite 45-foot Snowflake Slide cascading over the central staircase (Must be 36" or taller to ride). Activities for our youngest visitors include the beloved Puffin Pals Play Rink (For children ages 5 and under; must bring socks for this experience), the Clock Tower Slide, Child-Sized Post Office, and more.

Journey to the North Pole will be open to the public Nov. 23 – Jan. 4 and is included with MCM general admission.

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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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