



Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is the only children's museum in South Mississippi and we hold an important position in our community. In spite of a global pandemic that closed our doors for nearly 3 months and recovering from Hurricane Zeta, in 2020 we...

- Increased procedures and processes to provide a **safe, clean environment** for our staff and visitors
- Welcomed over **35,000 visitors** through our bright blue museum doors
- Admitted over **1,100 visitors free of charge** on **Free Friday Nights** with our sponsoring partner **the Members of Coast Electric through Operation Round Up and their Community Trust in Partnership with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation**
- Shared some of our **special holiday events** such as Countdown to Noon – our annual New Year's Eve celebration and a Halloween Fun Day in November (rescheduled because of Hurricane Zeta) all while following COVID-19 guidelines
- Continued to spark an interest in budding engineers during our **Engineering is Elementary** monthly hands on **Homeschool Classes** sponsored through a grant by the **The Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation**
- Hired a new WINGS Director and Assistant Director who were able to introduce over **200** school-aged children to the **performing arts** in our WINGS program
- Entertained and educated more than **750** campers in our **Summer Camps**
- Hired an educator who continues to share with preschoolers and their caregivers the joy of literature in our early childhood education program, **Bear Cub Club**
- Built a new outdoor deck, "The Gathering Place," where weddings, performances and programming can take place in an outdoor setting funded by the Tideland Trust Fund
- Continued to offer families with children on the autism spectrum free of charge **Sensory Sundays** thanks to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation – Anthony Dartez Education Fund
- Created and provided weekly **Discovery Take Home Kits** to children who receive food services at Feed My Sheep food bank