JACKSON, Miss. – Radio stations from the Jackson and Meridian areas will join forces this week to hold the 9th annual Mississippi Miracles Radiothon beginning Wednesday, March 3, and continuing through Friday, March 5, from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. The Radiothon benefits the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

Jackson stations Y 101.7, US 96.3 and Mix 98.7 will broadcast live from the lobby of the Batson Hospital. Meridian stations 97 OKK, V 93.5, 106.9 The Buzz and 105.7 The Beat will broadcast from Meridian.

Hosts interview current and former patients and their families and hospital staff who care for them, asking listeners to call in pledges to benefit the hospital. The money is used to fund equipment, research and programs that ensure the hospital is able to provide the most advanced level of medical care for Mississippi’s children.

The numbers to call and make a donation are 601-984-KIDS (5437) or toll-free 800-681-KIDS (5437).

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