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**Makers Day scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 12:00PM - 5:00PM
at the Firehouse Gallery**

VICKSBURG, MS – (February 18, 2026) – A Leadership Vicksburg team, **Canvas Collectives**, is proud to present the **Makers Day Project**, a community-driven initiative designed to celebrate creativity, craftsmanship, and local talent throughout Vicksburg. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 7, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Firehouse Gallery, 1204 Main Street.**

Canvas Collectives has partnered with the Vicksburg Art Association (VAA) to host the event at the Gallery and is excited to have VAA members serve as volunteers, helping guide activities and encourage young creators throughout the day.

“This initiative is about investing in our youth and celebrating the incredible talent that exists within our community,” said organizers with the Canvas Collectives team. “We want every child to feel empowered to create, build, and dream big.”

The Makers Day Project is an interactive experience designed to inspire the next generation of innovators and creatives. Open to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade, the event will provide a welcoming space for young minds to explore hands-on activities, engage with local makers, and discover the power of imagination and skill-building.

From art and design to hands-on crafts and creative problem-solving, Makers Day highlights the importance of creativity in education, life long development, and community involvement. By bringing together families, students, educators, and local talent, the Canvas Collectives team aims to foster a culture that values art, and supports emerging creators right here in Vicksburg.

Pablo Diaz, President & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Partnership, emphasized how the Makers Day Project reflects the Mission of the Leadership Vicksburg program. *“The Leadership Vicksburg team, Canvas Collectives, identified a meaningful opportunity to provide our youth with a fun and engaging program that unleashes their creativity while encouraging them to*

engage with their community. Projects like Makers Day not only inspire the next generation but also reinforce innovative thinking and civic leadership, which are essential to the long-term economic and social health of a community.”

The Makers Day Project is free and open to the public. Families are encouraged to attend and support the creative spirit of Vicksburg’s youth.

The Makers Day Project is a project of the **Leadership Vicksburg Program**, a nine-month, project-based initiative offered through the Vicksburg-Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Each year, 20 participants are selected to explore key community issues, develop leadership skills, and implement solutions that create lasting impact.

For more information about Leadership Vicksburg, visit <https://vicksburgusa.com/chamber-of-commerce/programs/leadership-vicksburg/>.

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The Vicksburg Warren Partnership serves as the leading advocate for business growth and economic development in Vicksburg and Warren County. By fostering collaboration and innovation, the Partnership works to create a thriving business environment and a stronger community. The Vicksburg - Warren County Chamber of Commerce is housed under the Vicksburg Warren Partnership. Pablo Diaz is the President & CEO of the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership.