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**JAQUITH NURSING HOME RESIDENTS ENJOY HALLOWEEN THANKS TO
DONATION**

WHITFIELD – Jaquith Nursing Home residents were able to get into the Halloween spirit and enjoy the season thanks to a generous donation that helped them enjoy an annual tradition and highlight of the fall for many on the campus.

Residents had fun with their annual pumpkin decorating contest on Halloween day, enjoying a friendly competition among the several inns that make up the nursing home to see who could decorate the pumpkins in the spookiest, goofiest, or simply the most fun ways.

It wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from the North Delta Produce Growers Association. For the fourth year in a row, they have worked with Alcorn State University's Small Farm Development Center to donate a group of pumpkins to JNH, helping residents continue the tradition.

The North Delta Produce Growers Association has a mission of growing local crops for local sales. Members of the group donate extra crops from the fields to donate to churches and other non-profit organizations that could use the food. JNH residents won't be baking any pumpkin pies with them, but the annual Halloween tradition of the pumpkin carving contest has been an annual tradition that is fun for staff and residents alike.

Founded in 1976, Jaquith Nursing Home is a long-term care facility dedicated to serving individuals who are in need of nursing care in a safe and comfortable therapeutic environment. The nursing home is located on the 350-acre campus of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield. JNH is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Pictured are (rear left) Robert Gates of the Tri County Agricultural Co-Op and (rear right) North Delta Producer Growers Association President Charles Houston, along with JNH recreation staff Deborah Bland, Holly Haralson, Cynthia Fairley, and Kevin Moore. The North Delta Produce Growers Association, made of several different agricultural co-ops, donated pumpkins to Jaquith Nursing Home for the residents to use in their annual pumpkin carving competition, a tradition many look forward to every year.