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MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL HONORS BYRD FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with October anniversary dates for their years of service. James Byrd of Harrisville was recognized for providing 25 years of service. Byrd is a staffing coordinator on Oak Circle Center, the hospital's child and adolescent unit.

Service Awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: James Byrd