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EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR SERVICE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) recently honored employees with January anniversary dates for their years of service to the hospital. Service Awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year, 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.

Mississippi State Hospital January service award recipients include: (first row, 1 to r) Deborah Burton of Carthage, 5 years; Joyce Brown of Brandon, 1 year; Crystal Green of Jackson, 5 years; Gladys McKenzie of Clinton, 20 years; Shelly Clayburn, 5 years; (second row, 1 to r) Sharla Karabelen of Brandon, 1 year; Kristin Jackson of Jackson, 1 year; Jeanette Funchess of Florence, 20 years; Billy Ray Thompson of Morton, 5 years; Donna Boykin of Forest, 25 years; Charlie Hardy of Jackson, 30 years; (third row, 1 to r) Matthew Taylor of Jackson, 1 year; James Triplett of Jackson, 20 years; Janice Jackson of Jackson, 20 years; and Victor Heard of Silver City, 5 years.

MSH, a facility 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. MSH is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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