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EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR SERVICE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) recently honored employees with October 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 October service award recipients include: (first row, 1 to r) Jennifer Heard of Brandon, 1 year; Tera Ford of Canton, 10 years; Vernice Evans of Jackson, 20 years; Sylvia Terry of Jackson, 1 year; Elaine Shoto of Pearl, 20 years; Lou Ann Cox of Brandon, 25 years; Jessica Martin of Florence, 1 year; Lisa Dees of Carthage, 1 year; (second row, 1 to r) Verlene Gillon of Brandon, 20 years; Robert Gillon of Brandon, 10 years; Jackie Martin of Jackson, 20 years; Karen Johnson of Jackson, 20 years; Charles Mitchell of Brandon, 20 years; Charity Gipson of Carthage, 1 year; (third row, 1 to r) George Williams of Jackson, 15 years; James Byrd of Harrisville, 25 years; Geronda Brown of Brandon, 10 years; George Gibson of Forest, 1 year; Gayle Case of Pearl, 5 years; Tina Berryhill of Brandon, 5 years; Phillip Cothern of Jackson, 20 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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