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## **MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL HONORS SHEPPARD FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with February anniversary dates for their years of service. Teresa Sheppard of Pearl was recognized for providing 20 years of service. Sheppard is a ceramics instructor in the Art Services program at Mississippi State Hospital.

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

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**PHOTO ATTACHED: Teresa Sheppard**