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MSH EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN BUDDY WALK

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital employees were among the hundreds who came out to LeFleur’s Bluff State Park, Mayes Lake in Jackson on Saturday, Oct. 9 to support the Central Mississippi Down Syndrome Society’s Buddy Walk

The team from Mississippi State Hospital brought their own special treat for everyone else who came to the Buddy Walk. Walkers who came by the team were able to reach into a “Treasure Box” and pull out gifts to take home with them.

“It’s amazing to see how something as small as giving away free balloons and face painting makes such a big impact on the kids and the kid at heart,” MSH team member Steven Fuller said. “The Buddy Walk presents the community with an opportunity for the whole family to come out in support of the Down Syndrome Society and the work they do.”

The annual fundraiser is a celebration of the lives of all people born with Down syndrome. It was founded by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995, and has grown to more than 250 walks held worldwide each year. During the walk, people with Down syndrome invite their “buddies” to join them as they promote awareness and acceptance of Down syndrome.

Pictured is MSH employee Debbie Boteler face painting at the 2010 Buddy Walk.

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. Accredited by the Joint Commission, MSH is the largest hospital in Mississippi and the largest public psychiatric facility in the United States.

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