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MCCARTY COMPANY, MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

WHITFIELD—Friends of the Mississippi State Hospital presented its Together We Make a Difference Awards during its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 25. MSH Director James Chastain presented the awards to The McCarty Company and the Mississippi Hospital Association.

The McCarty Company was a founding member of the annual Farmer Jim Neal Golf Event, and has been a Friends supporter throughout the years, while Mississippi Hospital Association was a platinum sponsor of the event this year and it sponsors an annual Christmas party for Jaquith Nursing Home residents. Both companies have been longtime supporters of Mississippi State Hospital and the volunteer Friends organization.

Architect Tom Saunders accepted the award for The McCarty Company and Steve Lesley, Director of Data Services, accepted for Mississippi Hospital Association.

“Their generous financial support and the solid reputation of their company name helped establish that event as a quality tournament. Their continued commitment to its success is a primary reason it has become the largest fundraiser for our Friends organization,” Chastain said of The McCarty Company.

Chastain also noted that MHA not only sponsors a yearly Christmas party at the hospital, but that CEO Sam Cameron has also played the part of Santa at the annual Santa Day event.

“Probably the most important thing they do for MSH, however, is give us a voice to promote awareness of mental health issues, and the quality service provided by MSH to citizens of this state,” he said. “Both of these organizations represent the very best of our business community and I am pleased to present the 2010 Together We Make A Difference Awards to McCarty Company and the Mississippi Hospital Association.”

Pictured are (l to r) Friends of MSH President Bill Bobbs, MHA Director of Data Services Steve Lesley, McCarty Company architect Tom Saunders and MSH Director James G. Chastain.

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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 JCAHO, MSH is the largest hospital in Mississippi and the largest public psychiatric facility in the United States.