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JAQUITH NURSING HOME RESIDENTS GET IN HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

WHITFIELD —Jaquith Nursing Home (JNH) residents are getting into the Halloween spirit thanks to donations from some valued community partners.

The North Delta Produce Growers Association and Alcorn State University worked together to donate a group of pumpkins for residents at Jaquith Nursing Home, giving them a chance to continue their yearly tradition of a pumpkin carving contest.

“Any time we can, we try to stay involved in the community,” said Charles Houston, president of the organization. “That’s where we want our business to be – grow local, and allow citizens to buy local. We do want to run a successful business, but we want to be good friends to the community, too.”

The association uses any excess crops from the fields to donate to churches and other non-profit organizations who could use the food. This is the second year in a row they have donated to Jaquith Nursing Home. While residents there won’t be using them for pumpkin pies or any other cooking, the pumpkin carving contest has been an annual tradition that brings a lot of joy to the residents, who often surprise with their creativity and designs.

Elizabeth Myles, marketing specialist for Alcorn’s Mississippi Small Farm Development Center, said partnering with local organizations was good for everyone involved.

“I know all the residents enjoyed it last year, and it looked so much fun,” Myles said. “It’s great to be involved and have partnerships like this.”

The residents will have a week to carve their pumpkins, and winners for the competition will be announced on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Founded in 1976, Jaquith Nursing Home is a long-term care facility dedicated to serving individuals who are in need of nursing care in a safe and comfortable therapeutic environment. The nursing home is located on the 350-acre campus of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield. JNH is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Pictured are (l to r) Jaquith Nursing Home Recreation Supervisor Holly Haralson, Alcorn State University Marketing Specialist Elizabeth Myles, and North Delta Producer Growers Association President Charles Houston. Myles and Houston donated pumpkins to Jaquith Nursing Home for the residents to use in their annual pumpkin carving competition, a tradition many look forward to every year.