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## **VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR MSH PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS**

WHITFIELD—Volunteers have been busy lately donating their time and resources to improve and enrich the lives of patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital and Jaquith Nursing Home, located on the MSH campus in Rankin County.

Groups from McLaurin Heights Baptist Church and Oakdale Baptist Church both volunteered at the hospital during May, providing not just meals, but fun and fellowship in the form of singalongs to those living there. Groups from all over the state regularly visit and volunteer at the hospital. In addition to Their dedication makes a huge impact in the lives of those they serve.

“Volunteers touch the lives of the residents here through the songs they sing, the food they share, and most importantly, just by spending time with them,” Volunteer Services Director Sheila Shows said. “It makes a huge difference in the lives of everyone here.”

For more information about volunteering at Mississippi State Hospital, contact Sheila Shows at 601-351-8377.

*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. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.*

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**PHOTOS ATTACHED: McLaurin Heights Baptist Church and Oakdale Baptist Church volunteer groups**