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FRIENDS OF MSH HONORS HEROINES OF JERICHO

WHITFIELD—Friends of the Mississippi State Hospital honored Heroines of Jericho T.C. Almore Court #35 with the Nancy B. Foreman Award during its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 24. The award is given each year to an individual or group whose volunteer service has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the quality of life for persons with mental illness.

The Heroines of Jericho group has shown that commitment for more than 25 years. Each year they are one of over 100 Christmas party groups that give of their time and talents for Mississippi State Hospital patients and residents. They routinely arrive with a full holiday meal to share with groups on the MSH campus. Last year, they brought enough for 75 people.

“For their dedication to volunteerism, their exceptional cooking skills and, most importantly, their willingness to spend their time in fellowship with our patients, we congratulate the Heroines of Jericho T.C. Almore Court #35 as recipients of the 2011 Nancy B. Foreman Award,” MSH Director James G. Chastain said.

Ida Guice, Ancient Matron of the group, accepted the presentation.

Friends of MSH is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the work of Mississippi State Hospital and informing the public about mental illness and the needs of the mentally ill.

Pictured are members of the Heroines of Jericho group

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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.

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