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PARADE KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—The Christmas season at Mississippi State Hospital officially kicked off last week with the annual Christmas parade on Friday, Dec. 2.

The theme for this year was classic holiday movies, and floats decorated as scenes from “A Christmas Story,” “It’s A Wonderful Life,” “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas” and many other holiday classics wound their way through the MSH campus as employees, volunteers, patients and families all watched and enjoyed the show.

The parade was just the beginning of a busy season at the hospital. Throughout the month of December, volunteers will be visiting the campus to provide holiday parties, lunches and dinners for patients and residents of Mississippi State Hospital and Jaquith Nursing Home.

The holiday season will culminate on Dec. 22, known as Santa Day. Another annual tradition at the hospital, Santa Day sees hospital staff, volunteers and other community leaders gather at the hospital dressed as Santa to deliver gift bags to each and every patient or resident. All gifts for Santa Day are donated by the public through the MSH Christmas House, located on Building 71 on the campus.

Individuals can bring new clothing items, personal care items, books, games, puzzles, or art supplies to the Christmas House in Building 71, or make monetary donations by mailing checks to MSH Volunteer Services, P.O. Box 157-A, Whitfield, MS 39193. Checks should be made payable to Mississippi State Hospital.

For more information or to learn more about volunteering at the hospital, visit www.msh.state.ms.us or call 601-351-8018.

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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MSH Christmas Parade 1 – The annual Christmas parade kicks off the holiday season at Mississippi State Hospital. This year’s theme was classic holiday movies, with this float based on “A Christmas Story” being one of the many entries.

MSH Christmas Parade 2 – Some MSH employees worked to create a float based on “It’s A Wonderful Life.” Christmas activities will continue throughout the month at the hospital as volunteer groups will host parties for MSH patients and residents during the holiday season.