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FRIENDS OF MSH NAMES 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHITFIELD—Friends of the Mississippi State Hospital voted in officers and board members for the 2011-2012 year at its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 24. Founded in 1987, Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the work of Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) and informing the public of mental illness and the needs of the mentally ill.

Friends donates 100 percent of its funds to support events and programs that enrich the lives of MSH patients, individuals served in the community, Jaquith Nursing Home residents and employees. Their annual events include a fishing rodeo, an Independence Day fireworks celebration and monthly recognition for MSH patients and employees. Friends is made up of MSH staff members, local civic groups, businesses and patients' family members.

Pictured are the 2011-2012 Friends of the Mississippi State Hospital Board of Directors (front row, l to r) Sheila Shows, Miriam Hollens, Mary Crossman, Marilyn Garth, Jerald Ball, Bobby Stephens, Ray Wallace, (back row, l to r) Gale Martin, Steve Lesley, Dee Payne, Joel Ross, and Marc Lewis. Not pictured are Bill Bobbs, John Overby, Jeannie Pittman and Benny Hubbard.

For more information about Friends of the MSH, visit www.msh.state.ms.us.

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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