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FRIENDS OF MSH HONORS MEADOW GROVE VOLUNTEERS

WHITFIELD—Friends of the Mississippi State Hospital presented the second annual Vivian Shivers Award to the Meadow Grove volunteer organization during the Friends annual meeting on Wednesday, August 25.

The award honors the individual or group who represents the volunteer spirit and sets the standard for future generations. It is named in honor of the late Ms. Vivian Shivers, who began her career as an RN at MSH in 1976. She went on to serve in the Jaquith Nursing Home, and continued volunteering with the Friends of MSH organization after her retirement in 1987.

The Meadow Grove volunteers are primarily from Meadow Grove Baptist Church, in Brandon, but the group also includes members from several different churches and groups, and there are several Mississippi State Hospital retirees in the group as well. They volunteer once a month all throughout the year.

“Their tasks are always different and include things like stuffing envelopes for mail-outs, curling ribbons and filling candy packages for patient Christmas bags, but there is always one constant, and that is a lot of laughter and fellowship,” MSH Director James G. Chastain said. “Once a year they combine their efforts with volunteers from Broadmoor Baptist Church and prepare all 1200 fruit bags that are delivered to patients and residents on Santa Day.

“For outstanding service and a continued commitment to MSH, I am honored to present the Vivian Shivers Volunteer Award to the Meadow Grove Volunteers.”

Flo Upton accepted the award on behalf of her group. Chastain said her group’s spirit of giving is in the same tradition as Ms. Vivian Shivers, who spent time serving as both president and vice-president of the Friends organization, was active on numerous committees and routinely volunteered at special events and activities.

Pictured are the Meadow Grove Volunteers along with Friends of MSH President Bill Bobbs and MSH Director James G. Chastain.

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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.