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FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DONATES TO MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD—Florence High School senior Caleb Nichols recently made a donation to Mississippi State Hospital after raising funds for the Art Services program as part of his senior project.

Nichols actually promoted a hot dog eating contest at his school as his fundraiser, and he was able to raise \$350 through the project. He donated the money to MSH Art Services Director Evelyn Bates.

Nichols worked with his mentor, MSH art instructor Heather Montgomery, for two days at the hospital, observing art classes in which the patients were involved. He said he plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall, where he will study history.

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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PHOTO ATTACHED: Pictured are (l to r) MSH Art Services Director Evelyn Bates, Caleb Nichols and MSH art instructor Heather Montgomery. Nichols donated \$350 to MSH Art Services as part of his senior project. He worked with Montgomery during the course of his senior year.