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FRIENDS OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHITFIELD— Friends of Mississippi State Hospital named its Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year at its annual meeting on Wednesday, August 27.

Founded in 1987, Friends of Mississippi State Hospital is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the work of Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) and educating the public about mental illness and the needs of the mentally ill. Friends helps enhance quality of life by offering a variety of events and programs for Mississippi State Hospital's patients and residents of Jaquith Nursing Home, which is located on the MSH campus.

For more information about Friends of Mississippi State Hospital or volunteer opportunities available at the hospital, please contact MSH Public Relations at 601-351-8018.

MSH, a program 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 and utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services that 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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Friends Board of Directors - The Friends of MSH Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year includes (front row, l to r) Kathy Denton, Jessie Buckley, Bobby Stephens, Bill Bobbs, Bridget Lowery, Miriam Hollens, Marilyn Garth, Jeannie Pittman, Sheila Shows, (back row, l to r) Larry Taylor, Steve Lesley, Ray Wallace, James G. Chastain, Joel Ross, Gale Martin, Larry Anderson, and Dee Payne.