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FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE SKY AT MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD — An estimated one thousand people came together to enjoy a night of food, fun and fireworks at Mississippi State Hospital on Monday, June 30 in recognition of Independence Day.

Friends of Mississippi State Hospital hosted the annual fireworks show as a free event for patients and residents at the hospital, but it was also open to anyone and everyone who would like to join in the fun. The Friends of MSH group is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients at the hospital, as well as educating the public about mental health and the needs of those living with mental illnesses.

“My family and I enjoyed the night’s festivities,” said Bridget Lowery, Vice President of the Friends organization. “It was a great night of music and fun. This was actually the first year I have been able to attend the 4th of July event, but I’m so glad that I went. I invited some friends and we had a great time. We’ve already decided that it will be an annual affair for us.”

Several activities were available for children and families to enjoy, including a space jump, face painting, and a trackless train that took visitors for a ride around the park on the hospital campus. Entertainment was provided by MSH employee Phillip Cothorn, who is also known for his own business as DJ 51-50. Cothorn entertained the crowd before the lights were dimmed and the fireworks display began.

The celebration was made possible through community sponsorships by BankPlus, Valley Services, Ergon, and Mississippi Hospital Association.

For more information about Friends of Mississippi State Hospital or volunteer opportunities that are available, please call 601-351-8377.

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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PHOTO ATTACHED:

Independence Day – Fireworks light up the sky over the Mississippi State Hospital campus at the annual fireworks display sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital.