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The Christmas Spirit at MSH



Dwight Owens, author of *Still Standing*, served as the 2022 Grand Marshal in the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Parade.

By: Julie Cox

More than 20 floats and metro area bands rolled down the streets at Mississippi State Hospital on Friday, December 2, kicking off the 2022 Christmas season for patients and residents.

The theme for this year's parade was "Christmas In...!" Hospital staff and patients filled in the blanks with a wide variety of award-winning themes, including: Christmas in Vegas, Under the Sea, Christmas in Whoville, Christmas on the Ranch, and many more fun ideas!

The marching bands were back this year and we were delighted to host amazing bands from Jim Hill High School, Canton High School, Raymond ROTC, Bailey APAC Middle School, Brinkley Middle School, and Northwest Jackson Middle School.



Ishaunna Gully-Bettis and Dwight Owens visited with patients as Mississippi State Hospital and shared their stories of hope and inspiration.

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Mr. Dwight Owens, author of the book *Still Standing*, served as our Grand Marshal, smiling, waving, and cruising down the streets in his customized pickup truck. After the parade, Mr. Owens and his special guest, Ms. Ishaunna Gully-Bettis, visited several buildings and shared their stories of hope and inspiration with patients.

Mr. Owens shared his story of being hit by a drunk driver just as his professional adult life was unfolding the way he'd planned and how the injuries that resulted from that accident caused him to spend nearly a year in the hospital fighting for his life. Owens shared how his journey has, "turned his pain into purpose and his wounds into wisdom."

Ms. Gully-Bettis shared how drastically her life changed as a result of domestic violence and how hope led her to use her experiences to become an inspiration for others by sharing her message of taking a stand by knowing your worth and realizing that love does not hurt. Their stories resonated with patients and offered hope during trying times.

The Christmas season continued throughout the month of December as volunteer groups visited with patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital to celebrate and share the Christmas Spirit.



The Brinkley Middle School percussion section performed in the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Parade.



The Jim Hill High School Marching Band brass section marched in the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Parade



The Canton High School Marching Band entertained the crowd at the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Parade.



Bailey APAC Middle School and Northwest Jackson Middle School Bands participated in the Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Parade.



Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Board Members served as the 2022 MSH Christmas Parade Judges. Pictured left to right: Gale Martin, Bill Bobbs, Kim Edwards, Daniel Elliot, Betty Harpe, Bobby Stephens, Marilyn Garth, Ray Wallace, and Dee Payne.



MSH's Holiday Magic Award went to Building 60, Under the Sea float (Best Parade Theme).



MSH's Christmas Star Award and Honorable Mention Award went to Buildings 87/90/43, Christmas in Vegas (Best in Show).



MSH's Holiday Spirit Award went to (HBHS) Hinds Behavioral Health Services, Region 9, Christmas in the Smokies (Most Enthusiastic Participants).



MSH's Tin Soldier Award went to Building 81, Christmas in Whoville (Best marching/walking entry).



Honorable Mention awarded to Building 36, A Motown 70's Christmas.



Honorable Mention awarded to Building 28/34, Christmas in Hawaii.



MSH's Rudolph's Friends Award went to Building 78, Christmas Space Cowboys.



MSH's Fruitcake Award went to Building 45, Christmas on the Ranch.



MSH's Judges Award went to Buildings 21/22/61, Christmas in the Pandemic.



MSH's Ms. Pink Award went to Building 33, Pretty in Pink.



Christmas House Elves had a Busy Season

By: Julie Cox

The Christmas House elves had a busy season in Building 71 during the month of December. Patients and residents visited the Christmas House from December 7 until December 16. The elves engaged everyone in fun games, including Roll a Snowman, Basketball, Snowball Toss, and Reel Racing. The winter-themed games

were followed by a tour of the Christmas wonderland of decorations throughout the building. A photo booth was set up with a cozy Christmas backdrop for keepsake photos. Art Services then had everyone settle in to create a personalized stocking while the elves served a delicious peppermint snack and a warm beverage.



MSH Christmas Donors List 2022

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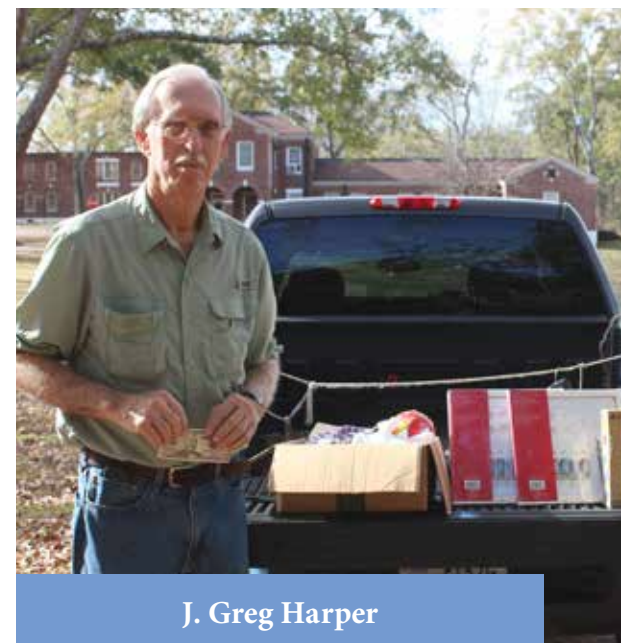
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Santa Day at MSH

By: Julie Cox

Santa Day, one of the most exciting events of the year at Mississippi State Hospital, was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The activities began at Building 71, the Christmas House.

Santa Day was started by James "Jimmy" Stubbs, who was MSH director from 1975-88. On Santa Day, volunteers, elected officials, and MSH employees dressed as Santa Claus visit each and every patient and resident building on the campus to personally deliver holiday gifts. Each MSH patient and Jaquith Nursing Home resident receives a gift bag with clothing, treats, and activities.

Approximately 400 volunteers have visited the campus this year and provided more than 35 holiday parties for the 400 patients and residents served at MSH. Volunteers may sing carols and play games. Most all of of them bring holiday food and treats along with gifts. Santa Day is the culmination of those holiday activities.



Santa Group Photo : 2022 Mississippi State Hospital Santas are pictured left to right (seated, first row) Lance Varner, Gene Miller, and Gale Martin, Past President and Friends of MSH Board Member (standing, second row) Patrick Fontaine, Fontaine Insurance Services, Johnny Beck, Business Development, Origin Bank, Jeff Luckey, Police Chief, MSH, Andy Wogoman (standing, third row) Dustin Crum, Billy Morehead, Mississippi College, Martin Keil, Senior Vice President, Community Bank, Daniel Elliott, President/Rankin County Market, Candence Bank, and Bobby Browning, Valic (standing, back row) Carl Mangum, UMMC School of Nursing, and James G. "Bo" Chastain, Director, MSH



MSH Christmas Party Providers List

- Circle of Love
- Daniel Memorial Baptist Church
- Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ
- Fairview Missionary Baptist Church
- Good Hope Baptist Church
- Grandview Baptist Church
- Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Greater New True Light Baptist Church
- Greater Northside Baptist Church
- Griffith Memorial Baptist Church
- Meadowbrook Church of Christ
- Mississippi United Realty Group
- MSH Christmas Elves
- Mt. Wade Missionary Baptist Church
- New Heights Ministries
- New Hope Baptist Church -WMU
- New Prospect Baptist Church
- New Strangers Home Baptist Church
- Omicron Federated Women
- Parkview Church of Christ
- Pine Grove Baptist Church
- Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church
- South Liberty Baptist Church
- St. Luther Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Mark Baptist Church
- St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Peter Baptist Church
- The Jimmy Bullock Family



New Heights Ministries



Circle Of Love



Sand Hill MB Church



Fairview Missionary Baptist Church



Griffith Memorial Baptist Church



Greater Mt Zion Baptist Church



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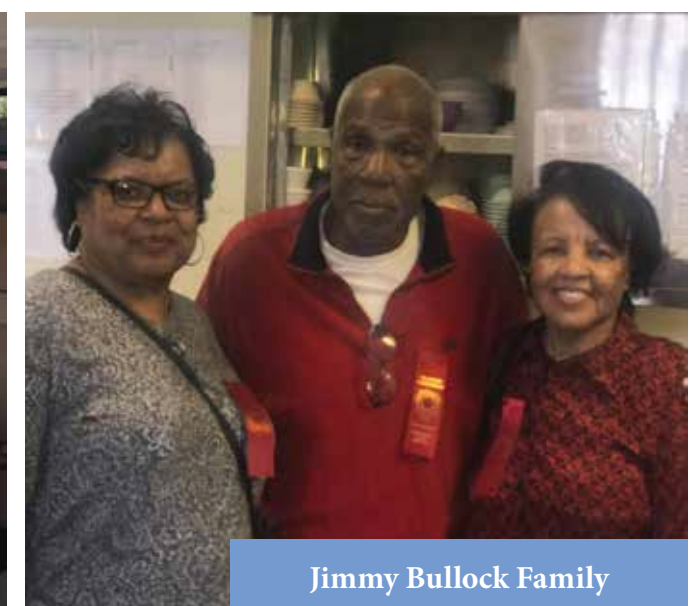
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St Luther MB Church



Parkview Church of Christ



Grandview Baptist Church



Evangelist Temple Church



St Peter Baptist Church



Pine Grove Baptist Church



New Prospect Baptist Church



New Stranger Home Church



St Mark Baptist Church