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**Department of Human Services Honors Badlands Human Service Center
Employees with Years of Service Awards**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services presented 18 employees of the Badlands Human Service Center with years of service awards to recognize their work and continued commitment to serving people in the Dickinson region. Awards are presented annually to staff who reach certain milestones of service.

Employees honored included: **30 Years of Service Award** - Debra Frank; **20 Years of Service Award** - Karen Goyne, Kenneth Jahner, Karen Kostelecky, Debra Lozensky, and Gilda Mack-Lubinski; **15 Years of Service Award** - Mary Kostelecky, and Paul Privratsky; **5 Years of Service Award** - Melissa Gartner, Tammy Simnioniw, and Martha Erickson; **3 Years of Service Award** - Krista Berg, Richard DeMolen, Bruce Gillette, Linda Gillette, Kirsten Hansen, Marilyn Marx, and Zongjian Wu.

The center also recognized these recent retirees: Susie Bleth, Wally Thompson, Marilyn Robertson, Victor Wanner, and Monica Kubischta.

The Dickinson human service center employs 72 people and serves residents of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties. Services include community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, administration and monitoring of Older Americans Act programs, adult protective services, county social service program supervision, vocational rehabilitation services, and other human services.

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