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Department of Human Services Honors Northeast Human Service Center Employees with Years of Service Awards

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services recently presented 29 employees from Northeast Human Service Center with years of service awards to recognize their work and continued commitment to serving people in the Grand Forks region. Awards are presented annually to staff who reach certain milestones of service.

Employees honored included: **35 Years of Service** - Merle Evenson and Marilyn Arneson; **30 Years of Service** - Julie DeMars; **25 Years of Service** - Karen Hillman and Diane Knauf; **20 Years of Service** - Patricia Soli and Jerry Severson; **15 Years of Service** - Don Newberry, Ron Peck, Randy Slavens, Neil Olson and Janet Burns; **10 Years of Service** - V. Desarae Zaharia, Julie Kalgard, Desiree Gagner-Tjellesen and Brenda Satrom; **5 Years of Service** - Rebecca Savaloja, Danielle Pierson, Janelle Hapka, Guadalupe Juarez, Sheila Compeau, Elizabeth Borgen and Alissa Fugazzi; and **3 Years of Service** - Jacqueline Cariveau, Rebecca Kendall, Justin Schill, Andrea Walker, Cheryl Hoppe and Amy Ray.

The center also recognized these recent retirees: Kathy Daly, Betty Hellerud, Sharon Lunski, Carol Olimb, Valerie Rice and Shelley Rothe.

The Grand Forks human service center employs 130 people and serves residents of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh 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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