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

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services recently presented 42 employees from West Central Human Service Center with years of service awards to recognize their work and continued commitment to serving people in the Bismarck region. Awards are presented annually to staff who reach certain milestones of service.

Employees honored included: **40 Years of Service Award** – Jolene Hanson; **30 Years of Service Award** – Gordon Eckroth, Holly Ell, and Mary Lee Steele; **25 Years of Service Award** – Rita Weisz; **20 Years of Service Award** – Peggy Krein, James Kubik, Kerry Mund, Catherine Roberdeau, Roxann Sauter, Thomas Schiwal, Cherry Schmidt, Michelle Stahl, and Renee Zuger; **15 Years of Service Award** – Jane Graveline, Norma Heck, and Jeffrey Ridl; **10 Years of Service Award** – Michelle Blaskowski, Joni Heine, David Mickelson, Igmidio Santos, Deborah Schon, and Vickie Vogel; **5 Years of Service Award** – Paulette Aasen, Heather Kitzan, Joanna Makelky, Terri Mickelson, Lindsey Nelson, Diane Rau, Jerrica Sauer, Paul Verlinde, and Susan Westgard; **3 Years of Service Award** – Shawna Falcon, Brenda Fetting, Jaime Fuchs, Paula Huber, Amy Larsen, Kiki Schatz, Kirby Schmidtgall, Heidi Selby, Rachael Trom, and Nina Weber.

The Bismarck human service center employs 132 people and serves residents of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux 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, the Aging and Disability Resource Center pilot project, county social service program supervision, vocational rehabilitation services, and other human services.

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