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Department of Human Services Honors Employees with Years of Service Awards

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services recently presented 82 employees with years of service awards to recognize their hard work and continued commitment to serving the people of North Dakota. Awards are presented annually to central office staff located in Bismarck.

Employees honored included:

35 Years of Service Award - **Becky Blees**, Information Technology Services; **Marshall Flagg**, Human Resources; **Ron Knutson**, Economic Assistance; and **Beverly Locken**, Medical Services.

30 Years of Service Award - **Delores Friedt**, Children and Family Services and **Susan Wagner**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

25 Years of Service Award - **Dianne Brendel**, Information Technology Services; **Diane Knauf**, Economic Assistance; and **Kathy Paul**, Fiscal Administration.

20 Years of Service Award - **Karalee Adam**, Information Technology Services; **Helen Baumgartner**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Margaret Elkin**, Child Support; **Douglas McCrory**, Information Technology Services; **Connie Pederson**, Economic Assistance; **Deb Petry**, Children and Family Services; **Barb Reiersen**, Child Support; **Barbara Siegel**, Child Support; **Robyn Soiseth**, Field Services; and **Patty Wanner**, Field Services.

15 Years of Service Award - **Marlys Baker**, Children and Family Services; **Mike Bossert**, Child Support; **Donna Kroeplin**, Medical Services; **Jocelyn Martin**, Disability Determination Services; **Brenda Peterson**, Economic Assistance; **Sheri Seil**, Disability Determination Services; and **Warren Sickler**, Information Technology Services.

10 Years of Service Award - **Scott Hague**, Aging Services; **Lisa Hedstrom**, Economic Assistance; **Karla Johanson**, Legal; **Danny Johnson**, Medical Services; **Heidi Mercil**, Provider Audit; **Linda Norris**, Child Support; **Melissa Parsons**, Information Technology Services; **Brian Sather**, Information Technology Services; **Julie Schwarz**, Field Services; and **Brianne Skachenko**, Developmental Disabilities.

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5 Years of Service Award - **Michelle Adams**, Information Technology Services; **Matthew Arthurs**, Child Support; **Wendy Connelly**, Disability Determination Services; **Benita Eberts**, Fiscal Administration; **Nadine Ehrhardt**, Children and Family Services; **Susan Hausauer**, Child Support; **Jodi Hulm**, Medical Services; **Amanda Jensen**, Disability Determination Services; **Joshua Kadrmas**, Information Technology Services; **Sandra Kuntz**, Medical Services; **Linda Mertz**, Fiscal Administration; **Pam Nemeth**, Child Support; **Laurie Santangelo**, Medical Services; **Becki Schulz**, Child Support; **Cindy Sheldon**, Medical Services; **Diane Sundby**, Aging Services; **Glenda Thomssen**, Information Technology Services; and **Melinda Weninger**, Fiscal Administration.

3 Years of Service Award - **Gail Allensworth**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Laura Anderson**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Jessica Brewster**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Janell Clooten**, Human Resources; **Patricia Donovan**, Information Technology Services; **Tammie Elliott**, Fiscal Administration; **Sarah Felchle**, Fiscal Administration; **Jason Hoke**, Disability Determination Services; **Amber Jensen**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Denise Johnson**, Child Support; **Tracy Miller**, Children and Family Services; **Mandeep Mishra**, Provider Audit; **Dawn Mock**, Medical Services; **Alyssa Neis**, Information Technology Services; **Jennifer Polk**, Disability Determination Services; **Thomas Volk**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Dave Weichel**, Disability Determination Services; **Holly Young**, Economic Assistance; and **Tavi Zacher**, Child Support.

The department also recognized these recent retirees: **Helen Brand**, Fiscal Administration; **Joanne DuToit**, Human Resources; **Darlene Faber**, Economic Assistance; **Theresa Frohlich**, Medical Services; **Ronald Knutson**, Economic Assistance; **Michael Marum**, Developmental Disabilities; **Cindy Nolz**, Children and Family Services; **Carol Olson**, Executive Office; and **Loree Weber**, Legal.

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