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## **Department of Human Services Honors N.D. Developmental Center Employees with Years of Service Awards**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services presented 92 employees of the N.D. Developmental Center with years of service awards to recognize their dedicated work and continued commitment to serving the people of North Dakota. Awards are presented annually to staff who reach certain milestones of service.

Employees honored included: **35 Years of Service Award** - Donna Baxter, Phal Ek, Kevin Frederickson, Pamela Halliday, Mary Jaster, John Lindell, Sharyl Lindell, Patti Mihelich, Cheryl Schrank, and Jenny Waslaski; **30 Years of Service Award** - Diane Anderson, Nancy Erickson, Susan Foerster, M. Martha Johnson, JoAnn Lizakowski, Audrey Mercil, and Michael Miller; **25 Years of Service Award** - Christine Dahlman, Geneva Lopez, Kathy Markel, Lisa Morphis, Kelly Nord, Karla Nygard, John Quast, and Shelly Swenson; **20 Years of Service Award** - Dianna Denault, Esther Hylden, Rebecca Jeffords, Cheryl Kuntz, Mary Narloch, Kimberly Olson, and Bryan Papenfuss; **15 Years of Service Award** - Keith Eberhardt, Denise Ellingson, Julie Gemmill, Michael Moran, Shirley Plante, and Tami White; **10 Years of Service Award** - Beatrice Amundson, Ella Blackcloud, Rick Blair, Debra Burt, Jessica Funaiole, Thomas Gillespie, JoAnn Mitchell, Kay Papenfuss, Christine Roesler, Mary Rudnik, Mary Sluke, Jodee Sugden, and Janet Wood; **5 Years of Service Award** - Diane Colacicco, Kelly Desautel, Trina Gerszewski, Melissa Hildebrandt, Roberta Jurgens, Clayton Klimek, Cahla LaFontaine, Adele Lara, Sara Marciniak, Amanda Mlcoch, Heidi Nolan, Jodi Osowski, Lorraine Risky, Vincent Schaan, Brandon Schrank, Gary Stevens, Peggy Stupnik, Maria Trevino, and Lynette Trosen; **3 Years of Service Award** - Katie Burns, Joyce Collis, Dwight Cummings, Eric Deppa, Barbara Deschene, Danielle Erickson, Marilyn Gerszewski, Jennifer Gratton, Kristie Hughes, Sadie Koehmstedt, Joy Latraille, Alex Lindell, Jeanette Lorenzen, Amber Munoz, Heidi Paulson, Mary Beth Riendeau, Jason Schiebe, Janet Stout, Chad Sundby, Jade Vaudrin, Lorie White, and Anita Zavalney.

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These recent retirees were also honored: Phyllis Burns, Richard Dolan, Harris Halliday, Diane Kleven, Vickie LaFontaine, Janice Lysengen, Bradley Osowski, Kenneth Reiss, Paulette Richardson, Trudy Sabourin, Duane Severson, and Deborah Winzer.

The N.D. Developmental Center, which employs about 375 people, is a state-operated, comprehensive support agency for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The center currently serves 92 individuals by providing specialized services and acting as a safety net for people whose needs exceed community resources.

**Editor's note:** Attached is a photo of the recipients honored with the 35 Years of Service Award.

**Photo Caption:** N.D. Developmental Center employees recognized with a 35 Years of Service award. Front row (l to r): Mary Jaster, Cheryl Schrank, Patti Mihelich, and Phal Ek. Back row (l to r): Donna Baxter, Jenny Waslaski, Kevin Frederickson, Pamela Halliday, John Lindell, and Sharyl Lindell.

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