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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 94 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 - **Sandra Albrecht**, Economic Assistance; **Peggy Backman**, Human Resources; **Kerry Bailey**, Fiscal Administration; **Lynn Derman**, Fiscal Administration; **Joan Ehrhardt**, Aging Services; **Brenda Holzworth**, Economic Assistance; **Jackie Leftwich**, Information Technology Services; **Nadine Nogowski**, Fiscal Administration; **Colette Perkins**, Developmental Disabilities, and **Sheryl Pfliger**, Aging Services.

30 Years of Service Award - **Margaret Elhard**, Information Technology Services; **Carmen Jackson**, Fiscal Administration, and **Barbara King**, Information Technology Services.

25 Years of Service Award - **Denise Blasy**, Child Support; **Twyla Lee**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Cynthia Seado**, Medical Services and **Cheryl Wescott Wetsch**, Vocational Rehabilitation.

20 Years of Service Award - **Annette Fischer**, Medical Services; **James Fleming**, Child Support; **Julie Leer**, Legal Services, and **Lauren Sauer**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

15 Years of Service Award - **Cynthia Bechtold**, Child Support; **Coleen Christ**, Economic Assistance; **Michelle Gayette**, Aging Services; **Kathleen Haider**, Child Support; **Mark Kennedy**, Information Technology Services; **Kelly Klein**, Information Technology Services; **Scott Kubas**, Information Technology Services; **Lori Mills**, Child Support; **Charlene Olsen**, Fiscal Administration; **Gail Phillipe**, Child Support; **Rosann Pudwill**, Fiscal Administration; **Jessica Sabot**, Child Support; **Paula Schwab**, Disability Determination Services; **Mariah Tenamoc**, Information Technology Services; **Tina Walters**, Information Technology Services, and **Michelle Watne**, Economic Assistance.

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10 Years of Service Award - **Tori Dihle**, Child Support; **Kevin Dockter**, Information Technology Services; **Tanya GreyEagle**, Child Support; **Tamara Holm**, Medical Services; **Deborah Kramer**, Economic Assistance; **Cissandra Odden**, Disability Determination Services; **Amy Oler**, Child Support; **Thomas Pelletier**, Information Technology Services; **Sara Regner**, Medical Services; **Pamela Sagness**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and **Judy Tschider**, Aging Services.

5 Years of Service Award - **Jonathan Alm**, Legal Services; **Karla Backman**, Medical Services; **Brittany Baker**, Child Support; **Kelsey Bless**, Children and Family Services; **Wendy Borman**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; **Jessica Gabel**, Information Technology Services; **Brenda Heilman**, Information Technology Services; **Bernadine Hopman**, Aging Services; **Kristi Hruby**, Legal Services; **Kari Kalvoda**, Economic Assistance; **Kari Kramer**, Disability Determination Services; **Nicole Lyons**, Medical Services; **Vicki Magill**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Crystal Sauter**, Disability Determination Services; **Jolene Schaffer**, Child Support; **Beth Steffan**, Legal Services, and **Mary Wagner**, Disability Determination Services.

3 Years of Service Award - **Timothy Austin**, Legal Services; **Martin Baldwin**, Information Technology Services; **Jennifer Barry**, Children and Family Services; **Tricia Bartell**, Information Technology Services; **Trever Brewster**, Fiscal Administration; **Kari Charvat**, Medical Services; **Craig Clooten**, Fiscal Administration; **Russell Cusack**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Kristine Denton**, Children and Family Services; **Nancy Dukart**, Economic Assistance; **Janet Engan**, Aging Services; **Joan Foss**, Economic Assistance; **Sara Gerving**, Legal Services; **Janet Helbling**, Medical Services; **Kristina Higbee**, Children and Family Services; **Amber Hill**, Child Support; **Patricia Hinsz**, Medical Services; **Kevin Holm**, Information Technology Services; **Barbara Jennings**, Medical Services; **Melissa Karabensh**, Economic Assistance; **Irene Karnopp**, Medical Services; **Kurt Link**, Information Technology Services; **Theresa Merck**, Fiscal Administration; **LuWanna Ondracek Lawrence**, Executive Office; **Sheri Sayler**, Medical Services; **Joan Schatz**, Economic Assistance; **Jennifer Scheet**, Fiscal Administration; **Jamie Wilke**, Developmental Disabilities, and **Rogaiya Yunos Ali Maricar**, Information Technology Services.

The department also recognized these recent retirees: **Janet Bashus**, Child Support, **James Brines**, Economic Assistance; **Gail Daniels**, Child Support; **Patricia French**, Medical Services; **Connie Haag**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Barbara Koch**, Medical Services; **Donna Kroepflin**, Medical Services; **Catherine Okerlund**, Human Resources, **Connie Pederson**, Economic Assistance; **Paulette Westrum**, Children and Family Services; **Kenneth Wilhelmi**, Economic Assistance, and **Donald Wright**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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