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Department of Human Services Honors Employees with Years of Service Awards

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services recently presented 81 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:

40 Years of Service – **Faye Tschosik**, Aging Services.

35 Years of Service Award – **Leila Brucker**, Child Support; **Joan Brunner**, Information Technology Services; **Al Ettl**, Disability Determination Services; and **Anna Hoff**, Fiscal Administration.

30 Years of Service Award – **Debra Christianson**, Medical Services; **Warren Granfor**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Pamela Hovden**, Information Technology Services; **Teresa Peterson**, Child Support; **Karen Tescher**, Medical Services; **Deborah Theisen**, Fiscal Administration; and **Shirley Vetter**, Developmental Disabilities.

25 Years of Service Award – **Maggie Anderson**, Executive Office; **Bruce Crabtree**, Child Support; **Linda Dockter**, Information Technology Services; **Louann Nider**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Michael Schlenker**, Economic Assistance; **Shirley Schumacher**, Information Technology Services; and **Robert Tescher**, Fiscal Administration.

20 Years of Service Award – **Joyce Allmendinger**, Fiscal Administration; **Maureen Beck**, Information Technology Services; **Lynette Canode**, Medical Services; **Sheila Fracassi**, Information Technology Services; **Melissa Hamilton**, Child Support; **Vivian Holzer**, Information Technology Services; **Paul Kramer**, Fiscal Administration; **Virginia May**, Disability Determination Services; and **Kris Storbeck**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

15 Years of Service Award – **Robin Addington**, Economic Assistance; **Joan Bohne**, Disability Determination Services; **Deborah Masad**, Medical Services; **Michael Neigum**, Child Support; **Paulette Oberst**, Child Support; **Rhonda Obrigewitch**, Fiscal Administration; **Stacey Orso**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Nadine Philp**, Economic Assistance; **Brenda Rouse**, Disability Determination Services; **Kylee Schuh**, Human Resources; **Jeremy Smith**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Dean Sturn**, Children and Family Services; **Debra Suhr**, Child Support; and **Diana Weber**, Children and Family Services.

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10 Years of Service Award – **Tina Bay**, Developmental Disabilities; **Ellen Berg**, Disability Determination Services; **Barbara Burghart**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Mark Gudmunson**, Information Technology Services; **Kelly Lawson**, Disability Determination Services; **Leeann Thiel**, Medical Services; **Justin Toso**, Information Technology Services; **Leslie Uecker**, Economic Assistance; **Virginia Ulrich**, Disability Determination Services; and **Kimberly Weis**, Information Technology Services.

5 Years of Service Award – **Laura Anderson**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Janell Clouten**, Human Resources; **Tammie Elliott**, Fiscal Administration; **Sarah Felchle**, Fiscal Administration; **Joan Foss**, Economic Assistance; **Denise Johnson**, Child Support; **Tracy Miller**, Children and Family Services; **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; and **Tavi Zacher**, Child Support.

3 Years of Service Award – **Sarah Bunnell**, Fiscal Administration; **Eileen Churchill**, Fiscal Administration; **Clay Daniels**, Fiscal Administration; **Jerome Ekstrom**, Fiscal Administration; **Cheryl Fitzgerald**, Executive Office; **Sarah Jahner**, Human Resources; **Joyce Johnson**, Medical Services; **Patrick Joyce**, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; **Russell Korzeniewski**, Human Resources; **Jeremy Lunde**, Information Technology Services; **Megan Schafer**, Children and Family Services; **Wendy Schumacher**, Developmental Disabilities; **Tiffany Schwahn**, Child Support; **Amy Shape**, Information Technology Services; **Lori Ternes**, Child Support; and **Benjamin Walker**, Information Technology Services.

The department also recognized these recent retirees: **Sandra Albrecht**, Economic Assistance; **Kerry Bailey**, Fiscal Administration; **Beverly Baumstarck**, Information Technology Services; **Betty Earls**, Information Technology Services; **Joan Ehrhardt**, Aging Services; **Linda Elstad**, Economic Assistance; **Marshall Flagg**, Human Resources; **Kathleen Haider**, Child Support; **Deborah Huus-Peterson**, Economic Assistance; **Marion Kiefer**, Child Support; **Linda Maslowski**, Child Support; **Anthony Mitchell**, Medical Services; **Linda Norris**, Child Support; **Kathy Paul**, Fiscal Administration; **Bonita Roth**, Fiscal Administration; **Astrid Senger**, Aging Services; and **Jeanette Wetsch**, Child Support.

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