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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 84 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 – **Sandra Heck**, Disability Determination Services.

30 Years of Service Award – **Arlene Dura**, Economic Assistance; **Gayle Heskin**, Fiscal Administration; **Kelly Kowalski**, Information Technology Services; **Debra McDermott**, Fiscal Administration; and **Clay Whitmore**, Child Support.

25 Years of Service Award – **Jane Ambers**, Human Resources; **Leann Bayman**, Economic Assistance; **Lee Bjerklie**, Child Support; **Carol Dukart-Cartledge**, Economic Assistance; **Rosanne Jose**, Information Technology Services; **Sheila Keller**, Child Support; and **Doreen Yantzer**, Child Support.

20 Years of Service Award – **Heidi Ahl-Quanbeck**, Child Support; **Cindy Bexell**, Medical Services; **Monique Durgin**, Information Technology Services; **Michele Gee**, Economic Assistance; **Laura Hermanson**, Child Support; **Karen Ibach**, Information Technology Services; **Lisa Johnson**, Child Support; **Marella Krein**, Developmental Disabilities; **Rena Martin**, Child Support; **Sheila Reich**, Fiscal Administration; **Robyn Throlson**, Vocational Rehabilitation; and **Deanne Wiens**, Child Support.

15 Years of Service Award – **Joseph Belcourt**, Information Technology Services; **Lawrence Hopkins**, Fiscal Administration; **Juli Johnson**, Economic Assistance; **Kristy Metzger**, Child Support; **Debra Olson**, Medical Services; and **Janice Schick**, Medical Services.

10 Years of Service Award – **Melinda Albrecht**, Child Support; **Donna Aukland**, Fiscal Administration; **Rebecca Bailey**, Behavioral Health; **Nathan Bensen**, Fiscal Administration; **Elizabeth Cunningham**, Information Technology Services; **Susan Dunbar**, Information Technology Services; **Casey Goodhouse**, Human Resources; **Rona Schmidt**, Child Support; **Melody Tracy**, Fiscal Administration; and **Theresa Wolf**, Medical Services.

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5 Years of Service Award – **Timothy Austin**, Legal Services; **Martin Baldwin**, Information Technology Services; **Kari Charvat**, Medical Services; **Craig Clouten**, Fiscal Administration; **Russell Cusack**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Jeremy Drew**, Information Technology Services; **Nancy Dukart**, Economic Assistance; **Sara Gerving**, Legal Services; **Janet Helbling**, Economic Assistance; **Kristina Higbee**, Children and Family Services; **Patricia Hinsz**, Medical Services; **Kevin Holm**, Information Technology Services; **Deborah Iglehart**, Child Support; **Barbara Jennings**, Medical Services; **Melissa Karabensh**, Economic Assistance; **Irene Karnopp**, Economic Assistance; **Kurt Link**, Information Technology Services; **Theresa Merck**, Fiscal Administration; **Jill Olson**, Information Technology Services; **LuWanna Ondracek Lawrence**, Executive Office; **Sheri Saylor**, Fiscal Administration; **Joan Schatz**, Economic Assistance; **Jennifer Scheet**, Fiscal Administration; **Jamie Wilke**, Developmental Disabilities; and **Lin Yunos Ali Maricar**, Information Technology Services.

3 Years of Service Award – **Tory Brabandt**, Information Technology Services; **Valerie Czosnek**, Child Support; **Justin Decoteau**, Information Technology Services; **Deanna Gierszewski**, Child Support; **Julie Huwe**, Behavioral Health; **Lyndon Jahner**, Fiscal Administration; **Amy Jangula Johnson**, Fiscal Administration; **Lindy Kadrmas**, Information Technology Services; **Abdul Kawa**, Information Technology Services; **Samantha O'Brien**, Economic Assistance; **Victor Ogundipe Jr.**, Information Technology Services; **Christopher Pieske**, Child Support; **Kayla Rahrach**, Fiscal Administration; **Jade Saubert**, Medical Services; **Sarah Schaaf**, Medical Services; **Mark Schaefer**, Children and Family Services; **Monica Slater**, Economic Assistance; and **Raymond Weichel**, Fiscal Administration.

The department also recognized these recent retirees: **Linda Babcock**, Information Technology Services; **Peggy Backman**, Human Resources; **Linda Dockter**, Information Technology Services; **Nadine Ehrhardt**, Children and Family Services; **Bryan Fredrickson**, Aging Services; **Delores Friedt**, Children and Family Services; **JoAnne Hoesel**, Behavioral Health; **Janice Liudahl**, Economic Assistance; **Beverly Locken**, Medical Services; **Linda Martinson**, Economic Assistance; **Victoria Pederson**, Developmental Disabilities; **Debra Petry**, Children and Family Services; **Shirley Schumacher**, Information Technology Services; **Cynthia Seado**, Medical Services; **Judy Tschider**, Aging Services; **Virginia Ulrich**, Disability Determination Services; **Susan Wagner**, Behavioral Health; **Cheryl Wescott Wetsch**, Vocational Rehabilitation; and **Brenda Wiese**, Children and Family Services.

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