

# HUDSPETH REGIONAL CENTER NEWSLETTER

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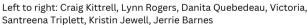
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### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

The annual Employee of the Year Luncheon was held on March 28th in the Dietary Department's dining area. On the eve of Good Friday, the tables were centered with fresh floral arrangements filled with varied shades of pink carnations, lilies, and pomegranates. Each arrangement was nestled atop a faux nest surrounded by chocolate eggs. The floral arrangements were assembled by Patricia Hughes, Clothing/Laundry Director.







Dietary team



The Dietary Department prepared a menu which included baked/fried chicken, cabbage, roasted potatoes, cornbread/rolls, salad and desserts.

The 2023 nominees were Shirley Payne, Meridian Group Home; Victor Gibson, Maintenance; Victoria Craig, Louisville Group Home; Danita Quebedeau, Dietary; Stephanie Campbell, Human Resources; and Monica Evans, Brandon Group Home. All are worthy of the title "Employee of the Year", but only two could take the prize home. Victoria Craig was declared the 2023 Direct Care Employee of the Year, and Danita Quebedeau the Support Care Employee of the Year. Congratulations to these hard-working ladies!



Left to right: Victor Gibson, Danita Quebedeau, Victoria Craig, Stephanie Campbell, Shirley Payne, Monica Evans, Jerrie Barnes

## MERIDIAN GROUP HOME BEGINS GARDENING

Meridian Group Home put their 'green thumb' to use as they planted a bird of paradise, Kwanzan flowering cherry tree, gardenia, and President hibiscus. The gentlemen of MeGH planted a garden with watermelon, tomato, bell peppers and cucumber.

If April showers bring May flowers, Meridian Group Home should anticipate a full garden in bloom in the weeks to come. Kudos to the MeGH staff for taking advantage of the pleasant spring weather and beautifying the group home.









#### **MARCH ACTIVITIES**

The Birch Cottage Recreation Department, Social Worker and Education Department kept the gentlemen they serve very busy during the month of March. Residents enjoyed a meal at Mugshots, and on another day visited the theater to watch a movie. Some of the cottages and group homes participated in Horses for Handicapped where residents were able to enjoy an equestrian experience tailored to their needs.



#### IDD DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On March 6th, HRC as well as other staterun programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities, gathered at the state Capitol. IDD Day at the Capitol is an annual event in which the programs and the people served set up booths providing information about their services and mingle with one another.







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3rd: Easte<mark>r Egg Hunt \*\*
10th: End of Ramadan \*\*</mark>

17th: Executive Staff Meeting

19th: FOHC Golf Tournament

23rd: Passover

24th: Administrative

Professionals Day

#### The Director's Note

This month, the annual Friends of Hudspeth Center golf tournament will be held at Patrick Farms golf club. If you know any golfers, refer them to Timila Bell (601-664-6017). This is the largest fundraiser for the Friends of Hudspeth Center, and we'll need everyone's help to ensure it is a success.

Be mindful of the trends in COVID + cases. Continue to practice the protocols that are in place. Continue washing your hands and sanitizing your spaces as frequently as possible. Do not hesitate to get tested if you begin experiencing symptoms.

Sincerely,

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