



2014 EMSH Christmas Parade



IRS, staff and other on-lookers lined EMSH grounds for the annual Christmas Parade Thursday, December 4, 2014. Carols resonated as decorative floats drove by casting goodies for those seeking to catch a little Christmas Spirit during the event.

Leading up to the memorable event, the competition between each department was fierce. All who took part in the design and construction of the floats flitted about in secret making sure each idea pitched was an original. About an hour before "show time", participants came crawling out of the woodwork proudly displaying their creativity in the execution of this year's theme, "Christmas Carols". Twenty-seven floats, decorative vehicles, characters from area businesses and local high school bands combined played a part in creating memories for the Individuals Receiving Services here at EMSH. Following the parade, those who competed waited anxiously for the judges' final decision of this year's winning floats. Awards for the winners were handed out and photos taken prior to the "joyful noise" made by the adolescent boys from BASAC and Recreation staff who serenaded us all with a medley of Christmas Carols. The lighting of our six-year old Christmas tree, located in Central Park, ended the festivities for the day.

Pictured at the top from left to right are: Recreation Department's "One-Horse Open Sleigh" (1st Place), Outcome Services' "Santa's Little Helpers" (2nd Place), 2 North's "White Christmas" (3rd Place), and 4 North's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (Spirit Award).

Christmas is in the Air



Christmas arrived this year in the form of Parades, Parties and Presents in an effort to bring smiles upon the faces of our Residents and IRS. From the Singing Christmas Tree at Highland Baptist Church enjoyed by our Nursing Home Residents to the opening of gifts by all IRS, Christmas permeated throughout EMSH. A tremendous Thank You goes out to the following entities in their generous giving of donations, luncheons and parties: Decatur Woman's Progressive Club, pictured top left, East Philadelphia Baptist Church, EMSH Horticulture and "Elves", pictured 3rd & 4th at the top, First Baptist Church of Union, First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Midway Baptist Church, MSU Psychology Club, Muna FCU, Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, pictured 2nd from the left, Pilgrim Hill United Methodist Church, Progressive Club of Union, Senita Webb Group, The Pierion Club and the EMSH Recreation Department, pictured bottom left.



Mark Lanier (Maintenance), pictured collecting plate lunches for IRS, commented on serving at the Horticulture Luncheon that was held December 12th, "This is the best time I have ever had"! He as well as many other EMSH staff gave of their time in serving to those in our care. Once again, EMSH thanks all of you for showing the TRUE meaning of Christmas!

2014 Employees of the Quarter



Three EMSH co-workers have been named as 2014 Employees of the 3rd Quarter.

James Earl Carson, (pictured left) Security Officer in the Campus Police Department, was nominated for his outstanding professional conduct and appearance, which was cited during the Joint Commission Evaluation.

He has never hesitated to go above and beyond the call of duty when needed. James has performed inventories as well as having worked additional shifts as an example of his dedication and superior work ethic.

Justin Knight, (center) Nursing Supervisor from BASAC, was nominated for his empathy and care for the adolescent boys as well as his respect and fairness to others. He has taken on extra duties with diligence and confidence over the past year. Dependable and responsible, Justin shows sound judgment in working with IRS and the staff he supervises. Groomed in his early career as a "downtown nurse", he is very competent, knowledgeable and is the consummate professional.

Judson (Judd) Nance (pictured right) began employment at EMSH July 15, 2004 as a Special Projects Officer. One year later, He became JTC's Nursing Home Administrator and has held that role since. Judd was nominated for his dedication and service of the nursing home residents and employees. He is known for his great attitude and willingness to go the extra mile for his staff and residents and is always willing to provide a listening ear for anyone in need. Although the work day may end at 5:00 p.m., you will often find Judd still at work ensuring that the nursing home is running efficiently.

Congratulations goes out to the 2014 Employees of the Third Quarter!

2014 Employee Pancake Breakfast



441 employees attended a FRIENDS sponsored pancake breakfast held in Dietary Tuesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 18th as a Christmas token of appreciation. All who arrived for the 2nd annual event enjoyed pancakes, bacon, sausage and drinks prepared and served by Valley Services. In addition, FRIENDS sponsored a drawing

to win one of 50 \$20.00 gift cards from Wal-Mart.

Pictured above are: Krystal Graham, Line Server & Willie Bourdeaux, Grill Master (left) and Linda Spaulding, Production Manager & Scott Reese, Manager (center) from Valley Services who contributed in making the event a success. John Culpepper, Infection Prevention from JTC and RPW Nursing Facilities, (right) is caught indulging in his tasty breakfast treat just before closing Thursday morning.

Christmas Basket Raffle



Seventy-six entries were placed into a drawing to win a Christmas basket filled with various items such as: an autographed photo of John Grisham, his latest book, a teddy bear, a Bath & Body fragrance and a gift card from Olive Garden which had all been donated from separate entities. The basket was beautifully designed by Recreation's Glenda Slay as a raffle for \$1 per ticket. The money went to Volunteer Services' Patient Accounts in order to purchase Christmas gifts for our IRS.

Congratulations to Mattie Turner, proud winner of the basket, who entered her name only once!