

Caswell Center Honors Employees at Service Awards Banquet

(Kinston, NC) More than 300 Caswell Center employees and their guests filled King's Restaurant for the 2007 Service Awards Banquet. Long tables were decorated with cobalt blue glass vases filled with multi-colored silk roses. A special "thank you" was given to the Caswell Center individuals and staff who created the attractive arrangements that were given as door prizes at the end of the evening.

Caswell Center Human Resources Director Ken LaFone welcomed the group and Chaplain Allen Ham gave the invocation. Mike Moseley, the Director of the N.C. Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services was the keynote speaker. Moseley acknowledged the gathered employees by saying, "You do your work not for the sake of awards, but because you care" adding that, "each of you brings a special gift to the table."

Members of the Caswell Center Executive Committee presented the awards. As each award recipient's name was called, the employee came forward to receive congratulations from Kathy Gruer, Director of Human Resources for the Department of Health and Human Services; Caswell Center's Deputy Director, Kate Snodgrass; and Mike Moseley, Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

First to be acknowledged were the **53 employees who retired in 2006**. They are: Willie Baines, Lillie Blount, Roberta Burkette, Edward Byrd, Brenda Byrd, Geraldine Davenport, Gary Davis, Faye Davis, Inez Dudley, Linda Dunn, Mable Ginn, Helen Graham, Linda Grant, Tanyah Harper, Patricia Harris, Betty Heath, Faye Hill, Wanda Howard, Claudia Ives, Randy Johnson, Syble Jones, Troy Carl Jones, George Jones, Jr., Hazel Lang, Irish Manuel, Eduard Manuel, Rebecca Massey, Margaret McCoy, Perry Miller, Eleanor Mitchell, Lula Moore, Gloria Powell, Shirlan Raynor, Willie Royal, Gloria Simmons, Delores Smith, Roger Smith, Lyndia Smith, Shelly Sparrow, Sue Sutton, Paula Sutton, Dollie Sutton, Edna Taylor, Lindell Thompson, Ruby Tyndall, Ada Uzzell, Mauricia Wade, Edna Watson, Jackie West, Jerry Whaley, Donald Whitley, Betty Williams, and Etha Williams.



Seated, from left to right: Margaret McCox and Lillie Blount.

Standing, first row, left to right: Betty Williams, Ada Uzzell, Dollie Sutton, Patricia Harris, Gloria Powell, Helen Graham, Willie Royal, and Keith Smith.

Standing, second row, left to right: Eleanor Mitchell, Perry Miller, Paula Sutton, Syble Jones, Gloria Simmons, and Lula Moore.

Three employees celebrate **40 years of service** this year. They are: Velma W. Hicks, Daniel Morgan, and Estella A. Rhem.



Shown in Photo:
Daniel Morgan

Completing **30 years of service** are: Rhonda P. Carter, Alice F. Cox, Joyce S. Dawson, Blair Elliott, Joel R. Glassman, Patricia A. Harris, Judy C. Hinson, Irish L. Manuel, Linda McCallum-Williams, Katie H. Miller, Peggy L. Moore, Keith M. Nipple, Linda G. Pridgen, Bruce M. Rafferty, Yeddu Raju, Donald Rouse, Mona Gail Shepard, Gloria E. Simmons, Kay Smith, Joan K. Stancil, Diane S. Stroud, Paula C. Sutton, and Mauricia S. Wade.



First row, left to right: Joan Stancil, Kay Smith, Gloria Simmons, Katie Miller, Joyce Dawson, and Rhonda Carter.

Second row, left to right: Mona Shephard, Patricia Harris, Joel Glassman, Bruce Rafferty, Peggy Moore, and Paula Sutton.

More than 50 employees received recognition for **25 years of service**. They are: Starlyn Adams, Ritchie Applewhite, Thelma M. Aytch, Mary D. Barnes, Benjamin E. Becton, Reginald Bradshaw, Bessie H. Cannon, Rosalie Davis, Sharon E. Dawson, Gary W. Emory, Diane E. Fleetwood, William E. Fleming, Ruth S. Freeman, Dennis C. Graham, Edward E. Harper, Carmilla L. Hart, Earthel Hawkins, Kenneth W. Heath, Dennis R. Hooks, Brenda F. Huntley, Rhea S. Johnson, Cathy W. Jones, Dollie D. Joyner, Anthony King, Thornton A. King, Gregory W. Laws, Dolores M. Lee, Elizabeth Miller, Lenell S. Miller, Mamie R. Miller, Edna J. Mills, Donna A. Nipple, Susan T. Oglesby, Rebecca D. Outlaw, Albert E. Pridgen, Denise Pugh, Barbara P. Rasberry, Alice G. Rhodes, Kendall S. Rikard, April L. Rouse, Sally H. Simpson, Delores S. Smith, Michael E. Smith, Wanda B. Smith, Kate L. Snodgress, Betty J. Stilley, Karen A. Sutton, Mary W. Truitt, Anita S. Tyndall, Marva H. Wetherington, and Andrea L. Willoughby.

The **20-year service award recipients** are: Bennie J. Anderson, Jr., Deborah G. Ayers, Becky O. Berry, Edna F. Blake, Irris M. Burney, Chandra M. Cobb, Alonzo Coleman, Sr., Lutretia D. Davis, Regina M. Davis, Wanda M. Dixon, Ann M. Dooling, Janice R. Graham, Marsha A. Gray, Angela D. Hall, Peggy J. Harris, Lee Hartsell, Dolly M. Hatch, David W. Hodges, Robert L. Ingram, Ira L. Jones, Evelyn J. Keel, Shirley H. Newkirk, Gwendolyn Robinson, Clifton H. Rouse, Carolyn Seidenstucker, Gloria A. Smith, Carrie E. Sowash, Nora L. Townsend, Judy B. Tyer, Shirley Underwood, Jackie R. Wade, Carol A. Walters, and Lynne A. West.

Completing **15 years of service** are: Sherry D. Acevedo, Michele R. Avery, Judy B. Baker, Thomas L. Barwick, Jr., Jacqueline S. Battle, Hazel Braswell, Aletha F. Bright, Rose E. Brown, Patricia A. Bryant, Norma J. Collier, Antionette Cotton, Sylvia D. Dail, Bobby Davis, Jacqueline B. Davis, William A. Dillahunt, Jr., Melvon M. Dixon, Daryl M. Dudley, Geneva B. Forbes, Sylvia B. Glover, Valerie P. Grady, Vanessa Graham, Douglas A. Gray, Gregory A. Heath, Dalen Herring, Audrey W. Hill, Joan C. Hines, Charles F. Hoover, Levi D. Howard, Mary M. Hurst, Agnes M. Jones, Mary H. Jones, Glenda J. Joyner, Kenneth Kennedy, Shirley A. Lofton, Hazel D. Lopez, Tony Martin, Margaret Martinez, Aurelius Mayes, Calvin R. Miller, Betty H. Parsons, Scott Radford, Raymond L. Rhem, Martha L. Shealy, Robin J. Shingleton, Timothy G. Shofner, Ketcher R. Sutton, Linda Teachey, Joyce S. Thompson, Renita A. Wayne, Carol L. White, Devorah A. Williams, and Robin B. Williams.

The **10-year service award recipients** are: Evette Bass, Jovell D. Becton, Tammy M. Bell, Veronica Boone, Milton R. Brock, Jr., Lisa P. Burden, Reginald A. Clark, Rhonda M. Corey, Marie Coward, Dawn S. Cromer, Gloria J. Davis, Lillie D. Dawson, Linda Kay Dawson, Edward Dixon, Kim H. Edmondson, Brenda J. Fields, Joyce H. Fisher, Mary M. Fullwood, Doris D. Grady, Deborah J. Grant, Gloria D. Green, Toni G. Harper, Andrew J. Harrison, Jewel L. Holloman, Kwinette L. Jackson, Geraldine Johnson, Effie D. Koonce, Jackie Koonce, Miriam F. Lanier, Patricia A. McCarron, Shontelli J. Moore, Gayle Nance, Obelia M. Parker, Joyce M. President, Betty G. Price, Douglas M. Redding, Gwendolyn Rhem, David K. Smith, Shirley D. Smith, Darshell L. Suggs, Leroy Sumpter, Sr., Billy J. Sutton, Kathy Sutton, Tonya D. Sutton, Sandra M. Tyndall, Pattie H. Washington, Tona L. Wiggins, Hosea L. Williams, Wanda G. Williams, Mark E. Wilson, and Contina S. Wynn.

The largest group recognized, with 64 employees, fell into the **5-year category**. Those employees are: Martha L. Arthur, Veronica M. Best, Faneka L. Blackwell, Felicia D. Bond, Thelma W. Brimage, Sharome A. Brown, Jannette Cannon, Lorraine P. Casey, Velma C. Chadwick, Pauline Champlain, Carol I. Cotton, Pansy P. Dixon, Patricia A. Fuller, Dorothy D. Golden, Sylvia Grady, Lynwood A. Graham, Thurman Graham, Renee' B. Hardy, Willie J. Hargett, Sharon L. Henderson, Clarence Hicks, Tasha L. Hodges, Sharon J. Hood, Brenda C. Jones, Cheryl D. Jones, Kristian Jones, Mary E. Jones, James M. Kennedy, Amalia R. Ketner, Belinda R. Kinlaw, Delicieanna Kraeger, Howard E. Lane, Franklin A. Lewis, Carolyn A. Little, Iesia V. McCoy, Victoria H. Merritt, Lavette R. Midgette, Veronica P. Miller, Albert E. Morris III, Pamela W. Moye, Donna R. Murphy, Miranda N. Myers, Dawn Phillips-Melton, Annette R. Platt, Melvita A. Price, Hilda C. Royal, Amy W. Sanderson, Lanitra M. Speight, Bridget R. Sugg, Angela Supel, Levonia Sutton, Kimberly W. Teel, Allison F. Tilghman, Melody N. Tune, Crystal C. Turnage, Steven W. Turner, Vernice Uzzell, Regina F. Washington, Rhonda M. White, Dorothy M. Whitfield, Ella G. Whitfield, Nicole G. Whitfield, Walter L. Witherspoon, and Geraldine Yates.

Chaplain Allen Ham closed the evening with a benediction and by singing "God Bless America" in memory of those who lost their lives in the Virginia Tech tragedy, in honor of our troops fighting in Iraq, and to honor the Caswell Center award recipients who provided 4,355 combined years of service to the State of North Carolina during the past fiscal year.