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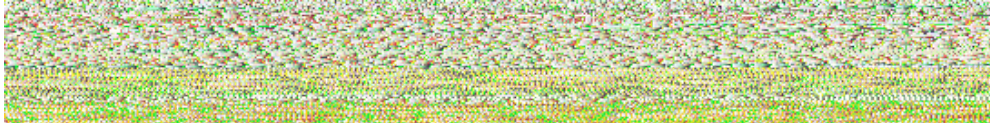
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Mississippi volunteers earn GIVE awards

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Sister Mary Trinita Eddington from St. Dominic's Health Systems is presented with the Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service by David Mallery, Executive Director of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Excellence, during a ceremony Monday at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. / Rick Guy/The Clarion-Ledger

For providing free primary health and preventive care to low-income Mississippians, Sister Mary Trinita Eddington of Jackson was honored today with the state's highest award for volunteers.

Eddington, who administers St. Dominic Community Health Clinic in Jackson, received the Marsha Meeks Kelly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service, presented by the Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Awards (GIVE).

She was one of more than a dozen residents or organizations recognized by the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the state's first lady, Marsha Barbour.

Marsha Barbour was among the speakers

who addressed an audience of about 150 at the Mississippi Museum of Art, site of the GIVE awards ceremony.

The other honorees and their awards:

- Deborah G. Braudis of Vancleave: Outstanding Service in Children's Advocacy
- James Brewer of Hazlehurst: Outstanding Achievement in the Arts & Humanities
- Alderwoman Lorine Cady of Southaven: Outstanding Achievement by a Public Servant
- Charles Haddad of Clinton: Outstanding Humanitarian Service
- Aubrey Elizabeth Hays of Gulfport: Outstanding Achievement by a Youth
- Peter "Bowman" Hitchens of Oxford: Outstanding Achievement by a College Student
- William Le'Ron Jackson of Byram: Outstanding Service in Disabilities Advocacy
- Henry E. Kremer of Gulfport: Outstanding Service by a Faith-Based Volunteer
- Cathy Johnson of Madison: Outstanding Achievement in Education
- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Biloxi: Outstanding Business Volunteer Outreach



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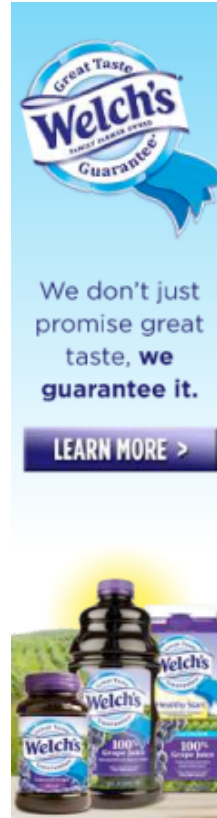
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