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Graves named STARS award recipient for August, 2013

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Murfreesboro officials are pleased to announce that Lynne Graves, an employee of the Murfreesboro St. Clair Street Senior Center, was recognized for her outstanding work with the STARS award for August, 2013 during the Aug. 8 meeting of Murfreesboro City Council.

She was honored for being the August 2013 STARS winners or "Succeeding Through Attitudes Reflecting Service Excellence".

Graves, the center's Nurse on Duty, was surrounded by family members at the meeting proud to see her win the award.

"It is an honor to recognize the City's greatest assets – its employee," Service Excellence Coordinator Shannon Logan said. "Lynne is the second part-time employee to receive the STARS award."

A couple of months ago, the City received a nomination on Lynne from one of the Senior Center members stating that Lynne is their version of "Florence Nightingale", and that she is tireless in providing relevant medical and wellness information to the senior population, Logan wrote. Also, the nominator shared that Lynne goes the extra mile to recruit health experts to educate seniors on specific health and wellbeing concerns.

Also, she continued, the citizen stated that more than anything, Nurse Graves nurtures the body, mind, and spirit of the seniors.

"Lynne has a heart for her work and the people she serves." Senior Center Director Linda Burt stated.

Since 1980, the St. Clair Street Senior Center has offered a valuable resource to the Rutherford County community. The center is open daily Monday through Saturday, and offers all types of social, recreational, and educational programs. It is a wonderful resource for any senior looking for a place to connect in the community. The center is a valuable part of the City as an organization and City officials encourage all seniors to learn more at www.murfreesborotn.gov/seniorcenter.

The Nurse on Duty program, of which Lynne oversees, is part of the center's efforts to reach out to citizens and provide service and compassion. Clinic data, foot care, support groups, nutrition assessment, medical consultation, and health education are included in the many services provided by the Nurse on Duty program.

"Murfreesboro is fortunate to have employees so caring, responsive, and courteous," Logan said. "When we notified Lynne about her award, not only was she pleased, she responded with 'I love my job'."

She also said the same thing during her award acceptance adding that serving the senior center population is a pleasure.

"Congratulations to St. Clair Street Senior Center employee and Nurse on Duty Lynne Graves on the August STARS award," Logan said.

