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ERCC recognizes staff's service



Submitted photo ERCC employee Johnny Bodkin is pictured with his plaque, his certificate of appreciation and his monetary award for his 51 years of service.

ELKINS — Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center held a socially-distanced employee recognition reception where employees were honored for their service to the organization.

Those recognized during the celebration included Johnny Bodkin who has worked at ERCC for over half a century, starting in 1969.

“Johnny has been a great employee and a true friend to our residents for 51 years,” said Tara Shaver, administrator. *“He takes our philosophy of treating every resident like a family member very seriously.”*

“We’re very proud of his service and the work of all of our employees,” she added.

A total of 155 employees were recognized during the ceremony. Recognition was given to all employees, ranging from those who have worked at the facility for one year, to those who have been employed for 51 years. There were 14 employees who achieved milestones were given a cash bonus for their years of service. These employees represented a total of 274 years of service.



“Our employees are the reason we are able to deliver complete, compassionate care,” Shaver said. *“They are a special group of people.”*

Because of issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the cash awards, pins and wooden plaques were handed out by the heads of the departments prior to the

reception. The socially-distanced reception was held in the dining room with employees all wearing masks.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put a strain on employees around the nation, particularly those working in long-term care facilities, Shaver said. She went on to note that the employees have handled that stress very well and risen to the occasion.

“The staff has really stepped it up when it comes to thinking of ways to keep the residents active and engaged during this trying time,” she added. “We’ve done everything from Nerf gun shooting competitions to making tie dye T-shirts, all at the suggestions of employees.”

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