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Madison County Public Health Social Worker Felicia Love honored with statewide award

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Felicia Love of the Madison County Health Department was selected as Public Health Social Worker of the Year for 2015. She was recognized March 20 at the Public Health Social Work Celebration and Training held in Montgomery during National Social Work Month.

An Alabama Department of Public Health employee for seven years, Ms. Love greets clients with a smile and a warm welcome and treats all with dignity and respect. Supporters describe her as friendly, cheerful, caring, compassionate, dedicated, committed and efficient. She goes above and beyond to help others. A team player, she assists in training new employees and supervising social work students.

Ms. Love participates in events that include the Liz Hurley Cancer Walk, HIV Awareness Day and Sickle Cell Walk. She is a member of Sole Sisters, an organization that promotes good health and exercise. Through her sorority she works with Manna House feeding the homeless, Christmas Charities, and back-to-school programs. She also mentors girls ages 12-18 and is a diligent advocate for cancer research.

Other adjectives that aptly describe Ms. Love include respectful, trustworthy, humble and selfless. Coworkers praise her for providing service with a smile and always seeing the best in people. Furthermore, she advocates for the underprivileged and works to give them a voice.

Public health social workers provide intervention services to help clients discover ways of meeting their needs and preventing future problems. Clients they serve may be children, families, elderly persons, and persons with functional and access needs.