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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## EXTENDICARE PORT HOPE EXTENDS THEIR APPRECIATION!

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**Northumberland County** – "Neighbors helping neighbors - that is what it was all about" states Joan Ross, President and CEO, in reference to the mandatory evacuation of residents from the Extendicare Port Hope long-term care home earlier this year.

Forced with the reality of having to evacuate and seek alternate living accommodations for approximately 24 residents, Extendicare Port Hope was more than relieved to find their neighbor and healthcare partner, Northumberland Hills Hospital, willing and able to provide food and shelter for 11 of the 24 residents.

In a show of appreciation, Laura Yontz, Administrator, Extendicare Port Hope will make a formal presentation to the hospital on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., thanking staff for their assistance during this time of crisis. Fittingly, Ms. Yontz will present to the hospital, a limited edition print, commissioned for the Year of the Veteran. "We deeply appreciate that the hospital was there for our residents and provided them with alternate lodging and excellent care close to home - for seventeen weeks".

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NOTE: Photo Opportunity will be available - November 17th at 11:00 a.m. - Main St Bistro - NHH