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Service, innovation and leadership recognized at May 16 award ceremony, Northumberland Hills Hospital

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, May 17, 2007 – The Education Centre was filled to capacity last evening at the Northumberland Hills Hospital as employees and their friends and family members gathered for the annual ceremony recognizing staff accomplishments.

Long Service Awards were awarded to employees with 10 to 35 years of service. Thirty-seven individuals were recognized in total, with eight of those completing more than 30 years of service at the Hospital! The complete list is provided at the bottom of this release.

Also announced were this year's recipients of the prestigious Leadership and Innovation Awards. These distinctions, given to two individuals, are awarded on the basis of nominations from within the hospital team, and acknowledge extraordinary employees who go above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference at the Northumberland Hills Hospital.

Jo Ann Poirier, a Registered Nurse, went home with this year's Outstanding Leadership Award. A key member of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, a new unit of the hospital's Lakeshore Community Mental Health Services, Jo Ann has been involved in the development of a number of initiatives aimed at helping those with a serious mental illness.

The Innovation Award was presented to Carole Butterworth, a Senior Systems Analyst in the Information Systems Department. Since joining NHH in 2001, Carole has contributed her expertise and attention to detail to almost every software implementation undertaken by the hospital.

Education Awards were also presented to eleven individuals. In her opening remarks, President and CEO Joan Ross thanked the Hospital Board for fostering a culture that permits and encourages professional development at all levels of the organization. Awards were distributed for a range of academic accomplishments in health care-related fields, including completion of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and completion of Health Records and Occupational Health & Safety Certificates.

For a complete list of the awards presented last evening, see below.

Long Service Award Recipients

10 Years

Sarah Cowin
Rhonda Cunningham
Joan Ross
Dr. Haig Basmajian
Dr. Michael Bayer

15 Years

Lori Giroux
Tammy Wallace
Carol Boundy
Don Cholmondeley
Marlene Sarson
Dr. James Nearing

20 Years

Heather Miller
Karen Sherwood Lindsay
Deborah Davis
Deborah Taylor
Jamie West
Whitney Lake
Karen Steel
Susan Bernard
Ken Lamey

25 Years

Rosemary Lovell
Adele Hazlitt
Jan Morton
Lynne Taylor
Sharon Anderson
Richard McEntee
Joanne Baird
Brenda Eakins
Dr. Michael Green

30 Years

Heather Brooking
Dr. Ari Haukioja
Dr. Paul Caldwell

35 Years

Elizabeth Jenkins
Darlene Fair
Carol McLean
Dr. Michael Jones
Dr. Mary Bedford-Jones

Education Award Recipients

- Joanne Merry – Canadian College of Health Records Administrators Certificant
- Jamie West - Canadian College of Health Records Administrators Certificant
- Michelle Verbeem – Occupational Health & Safety Certificate
- Brenda Bonner – Degree in Nursing
- Christa Rebot - Bone Densitometry Certificate
- Chris Loranger – Bone Densitometry Certificate
- Lindsey Doble -- Bone Densitometry Certificate
- Samantha Stata – Central Service Techniques Course
- Michele Elder - Central Service Techniques Course
- Diane Baskey - Central Service Techniques Course
- Lindsay Hayes – Central Service Techniques Course
- Nina Chernipeski - BScN

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital - The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The 137-bed hospital delivers a broad range of services, including medical/surgical care, complex/long term care, rehabilitation, palliative care, obstetrical care and intensive care. NHH also sponsors a Community Mental Health Centre and an Assertive Community Treatment Team. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland is comprised of the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs over 500 people and is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.