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**"Healing Hands" recognized at Northumberland Hills Hospital – Six recipients
honoured by their peers at fourth annual event**

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, November 8, 2007 – The Northumberland
Hills Hospital's Main Street Bistro was filled with applause this morning as awards were
presented to six recipients of the annual Healing Hands Awards.

"This is the fourth year we've celebrated the "healing hands" among us, and we had
more nominees this year than ever before," noted President and CEO Joan Ross in her
opening remarks. "The Bistro has become our gathering place for all sorts of events here
at NHH, but none bring me more satisfaction as CEO than the opportunities to celebrate
individual commitment to our collective goal of excellence in patient care."

Earlier this fall, employees of the hospital were invited to nominate the staff member who
best upholds the values of the organization. Those values are:

- We are a patient-focused care organization.
- We provide care with dignity and compassion.
- We conduct ourselves with integrity and confidentiality.
- We trust and respect each other.
- We focus on high achievement and contribution.
- We achieve our goals through teamwork.
- We encourage flexibility and innovation.
- We encourage open communication.
- We practice fiscal and business responsibility.

The following Healing Hands Award recipients (six in total) were recognized today for
their exemplary service and dedication to these organizational values:

John Hobart, RN, Emergency Department
Lori Baldini, RPN, Palliative Care
Kevin Burn, Physiotherapist
Merle Venn, Ward Clerk
Colin Eaton, RN, Complex Care
Sara Richards, Payroll Coordinator

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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.

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