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## **Local businessman and philanthropist to honour the memory of Chris Garrett**

**Northumberland County, Monday, December 3, 2007** – Ken Goodwin, local businessman and generous community benefactor, has donated \$250,000 to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation in support of the Northumberland Hills Hospital's capital equipment needs.

In recognition of this exceptional gift, and in accordance with Mr. Goodwin's wishes, the hospital will name the roadway from DePalma Drive to the main entrance of the hospital ***Chris Garrett Way***.

Constable Garrett was a 13-year veteran of the Cobourg Police Service when he lost his life in the line of duty May 15, 2004.

"I got to know Chris quite well during his time on the Cobourg Police force" said Mr. Goodwin. "We would often talk when he came into my store and I always looked forward to these visits. I liked and respected him. I also know that he loved his work and he loved this town. This is one way that I can recognize Chris within the community."

Expanding on his decision to recognize Constable Garrett through a donation to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation, Mr. Goodwin added: "I've always been a strong supporter of our local police. I also feel the hospital plays a pivotal role in the community. It just made sense to me to honour Chris's memory with this gift to the Northumberland Hills Hospital."

"This is a lovely gesture in memory of Chris. We're all for it" says his mother Evelyn Garrett. "I'd like Mr. Goodwin to know how much the family appreciates this tribute to Chris."

A ceremony is planned for the spring to unveil the signage on the hospital roadway.

**About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation** – The Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation is a dedicated team of enthusiastic staff and volunteers passionately committed to raising the funds necessary to support the Northumberland

Hills Hospital's capital equipment needs. By growing and sustaining donor support, the NHH Foundation helps to improve health care and the quality of life in west Northumberland. For more information please visit the Foundation section of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Web site at: [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca)

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