



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Leadership, innovation and service recognized together with staff education achievements, Northumberland Hills Hospital

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Wednesday, May 7, 2007 – Family, friends and colleagues gathered in the Education Centre at Northumberland Hills Hospital last evening to recognize hospital employees at the annual ceremony celebrating staff accomplishments.

Long Service Awards were presented to employees with 10 to 40 years of service. Forty-three individuals were recognized in total, with 13 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 hospital's 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 NHH.

Christa Rebot, a Medical Radiation Technologist in the Diagnostic Imaging department of NHH, was the recipient of this year's Excellence in Leadership Award.

In presenting the award, President and CEO Joan Ross noted: "Christa demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in her work to align NHH's Bone Mineral Density (BMD) service with the stringent quality assurance policies and procedures of the new Canadian Bone Mineral Density Accreditation Program. Due in large part to her diligence and hard work, NHH was recently named the first and only Canadian hospital to date to earn a BMD accreditation certificate under the new standards. The national program is being administered by the Ontario Association of Radiologists, and the Association has asked to use some of NHH's data application and procedure templates as a model for other hospitals to follow."

The Outstanding Innovation Award was presented to Joanne Merry, a Wait Time Coordinator and Coder in the hospital's Clinical Information department.

“Joanne is receiving this award for her work to ensure NHH meets the requirements of the provincial Wait Time Strategy. She is known for her ability to take a disjointed set of tasks, smooth out the processes, develop procedures and tie all the ends together and this is precisely what this Award was designed to recognize,” said Joan Ross, in presenting the award.

Education Awards were also presented last evening. Up from eleven recipients in 2007, this year’s event saw 23 NHH staff members receive recognition for personal education achievements in the past year.

A broad range of academic accomplishments were recognized, including completion of a Bachelor’s Degree in Health Administration, a Master’s in Business Administration and a variety of specialized certifications considered “best of class” in the health-care field. Said Joan Ross: “NHH embraces the philosophy of lifelong learning. It’s critical in health care today, and we are very proud of each of these individual’s accomplishments in the past year.”

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

10 Years

Oswaldo Bacareza
Margaret Clarkson
Dr. Allison Collins
Debbie Flay
Laura Hamilton
Dr. Martin Jokay
Susan King
Bridget Lessard
Catherine Oke
Rhonda Purdy
Brandy Robertson Purdy
Janet Slessor
Dr. Dale Taylor
Cheryl Turk

15 Years

Karen Bruton
Dr. Jeff Knackstedt

20 Years

Donna Newton
Michele Smith
Linda Macklin
Joy Stephen
Susan Sanders
Jeanette MacDonald
Kelly Burdick
Ann Starreveld
Lorianne Larsen

Maureen Morford
Peggy Minifie
Deborah Sellers
Marylou Taylor

25 Years

Dr. Tapis Banerjee
Elizabeth Brown
Kathy Chomitz
Wayne Goodwin
Dr. Trevor Hearnden
Debbie Turcotte
Diane Wladyka

30 Years

Laura Coons
Janice Coburn
Susan Marshall
Susan Van Camp
Frank Coulthard
Julia Green
Kathleen Lambert
Dr. John Routh

35 Years

Joyce Cole
Brenda Arthur
Heather Brewster
Lorraine Johnston
Pat Hawryszko

40 Years

Gloria McGlynn

Education Award Recipients

MASTER'S, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Sara Richards

BACHELOR OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Brent Baker

OR CERTIFICATE

Tara Deline

Arlene Fagan

Christine Kloosterman

Sherri Murphy

Angela Schwantz

CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Heather Brooking

Carey Demareski

DIALYSIS ATTENDANT CERTIFICATE

Bev Atkinson

Erin Bergeron

Cheryl Di Marco

Lori Giroux

Laura Hamilton

Lindsay Hayes

Samantha Stata

Linda Stevenson

Kelly Walker

PALLIATIVE CARE CERTIFICATE

Colleen MacDonald

Karen Truter

INFECTION PREVENTION, CONTROL and EPIDEMIOLOGY CERTIFICATION

Myonne Allan

INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONER

Michelle Verbeem

ONCOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Suzanne O'Rourke

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital - The Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto. The 137-bed acute care hospital delivers a broad range of core 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 comprises 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.