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NHH welcomes new Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive, Nancy McNairn

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, June 26, 2008 – NHH's new Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Executive, Nancy McNairn, joined the hospital team on Monday, June 23. With one week of overlap between Nancy's arrival and the departure of Mary Anne Shill, her predecessor, her first few week on the job has been a busy one with briefings and introductions.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the NHH team," said Nancy, who joins NHH from North York General where she served as Program Director, Surgical Program. "The transition from a 445-bed hospital to a 137-bed community hospital is an interesting challenge for me—it will bring me back to my small community roots. When I heard about the opportunity to step out of the city and into the Northumberland area, I couldn't have been happier. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the team I've heard so much about and the community I will serve."

In addition to her latest role at North York, Nancy has also held positions as Program Director of Schizophrenia and Director of Clinical Informatics at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, an Advanced Practice Nurse at West Park Hospital, and as an independent health care leadership consultant

"We are very pleased to welcome Nancy McNairn to NHH," said Joan Ross, President and CEO. "As I said in January when I announced my retirement this coming November, and Nancy's predecessor Mary Anne Shill announced her own this month, it was essential to me that we secure our VP replacement long before the CEO role changes hands. We had a number of very strong candidates come forward for the role. I'm confident that we have found, in Nancy, the right blend of experience and energy to continue the strong patient care to which west Northumberland has become accustomed, and build on it for our future generations to come."

Nancy has purchased a home in Cramahe Township and is in the process of settling in to her new surroundings. With interests in marathon running, biking and curling west Northumberland seems like an excellent fit.

Mary Anne Shill's final day at NHH is today, June 26. She leaves the hospital after 8 years and, beyond purchasing a new canoe and enjoying her garden this summer, she has no immediate plans! NHH staff, community physicians and health care partners celebrated Mary Anne's accomplishments in recent weeks. The latest event, held Wednesday, June 25, was a farewell breakfast in the hospital Bistro, during which staff from across the hospital stopped by to give her their best wishes.

For more information, or to arrange an interview, please contact Jennifer Gillard at 905-377-7757 or jgillard@nhh.ca

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.