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Service, leadership and education achievements celebrated, Northumberland Hills Hospital

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, May 14, 2009 – Family, friends and colleagues gathered in the Education Centre at Northumberland Hills Hospital this evening to recognize hospital employees at the annual ceremony celebrating staff accomplishments.

Long Service Awards were presented to staff with 10 to 35 years of service to the hospital. Including medical staff, a total of 45 individuals were recognized, with 18 of those completing more than 30 years.

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.

Pat Busch, RN, received NHH's Excellence in Leadership Award. The Team Leader in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Pat has a long history of demonstrating leadership in the ICU area. In presenting the award, President and CEO Robert Biron highlighted some of Pat's more recent achievements: "This Award recognizes Pat's direct role in championing the Provincial Critical Care Strategy at NHH as well as her work on critical care coaching teams. These teams have had a direct impact on ICU physician coverage and end-of-life standards of care."

The Outstanding Innovation Award was presented to Paula Elliott, Cook, for her continued creativity in planning Main Street Bistro and special hospital event menus. Said Robert Biron: "Paula's demonstrates a consistent willingness to be flexible and do whatever is needed to get the job done. Most recently, her contribution to the success of the team's temporary food kiosk during the Bistro renovations ensured the operation ran smoothly and efficiently. We are fortunate to have Paula as a member of our Food Services team."

Education Awards were also presented. Nineteen NHH staff members received recognition for personal education achievements in the past year, with a broad range of academic accomplishments recognized. Said Robert Biron: "Thanks to the ongoing support of our Board of Directors, NHH has long embraced 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, please see below.

10 Years

Kim Bisset
David Comeau
Susan Delong
Mike Donoghue
Jeri Henderson
Marlene Jenkins
Deanna Jones
Jane Knights
Dr. Peter Woodward
Dr. Roger Woodward

15 Years

Kim Brooks
Doris Chin-Bruton
Rebecca Rutherford
Dr. Frank Marrocco
Dr. Paul Marrocco

20 Years

Myonne Allan
Dr. Mark Azzopardi
Lori Baldini
Diane Baskey
Brenda Doidge
Louise Fox
Elizabeth Garinther
Rosemary Guy
Rhonda Lyttle
Cynthia McElrea
Pam Perrow
Sandy Prentice
Cindy Roffey
Chris Toope
Melanie Tweedie

25 Years

Catherine Beattie
Pam Oakman

30 Years

Cathy Billings
Debbie Cooper
Brenda Ough
Mary Anne Shaw
Wendy Skinner

35 Years

Dr. Rod Beck
Dean Bosnell
Grace Clouthier
Nancy Linton
Carol Parsons
Louise Rusk
Dr. Anne Tesluk
Dr. Ray Tesluk

Education Award Recipients

MASTER'S, NURSING LEADERSHIP
Linda Calhoun

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Jane Knights

CERTIFIED DENSITOMETRY TECHNOLOGIST
Michael Davis

CENTRAL SERVICES TECHNIQUES COURSE
Vanessa Dumont
Barb Ellis
Teresa Mercier
Pam Perrow

CHEMOTHERAPY CERTIFICATE
Bridget Lessard

CRITICAL CARE CERTIFICATE
John Hobart

PROJECT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE
Carole Butterworth

CRITICAL CARE CERTIFICATE
Marley Gimblett

FOOD SERVICE CERTIFICATE
Cindy Kooistra

PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING CERTIFICATE
Lori Baldini
Kathy Chomitz
Ann Hoffman
Debbie Taylor
Shelley Morland

PERINATAL CERTIFICATE
Toni Walker
Julie Bick

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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 services, including emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, complex/long-term care, rehabilitation, palliative care and obstetrical care. A variety of ambulatory care clinics are also offered at NHH. In addition to these, 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 close to 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East LHIN. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca.