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QUALITY HEALTHCARE  
WORKPLACE AWARD

**GOLD**  
2013

NHH Board of Directors  
Next Meeting  
Thursday, June 5th, 2014  
5:00 PM, Board Room, NHH

Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, June 19th, 2014  
7:00 PM, Education Centre, NHH

## Our team, our strength

Message from Linda Davis, President and CEO

90 staff members and community physicians were recognized for achievements in service, education and leadership last week at Northumberland Hills Hospital's annual staff recognition ceremony. We had so many individuals to recognize in our 10th anniversary year, we had to split the evening into two two-hour parts to accommodate the large crowd!

This was my first staff award ceremony since stepping into the role of President and CEO. It is clearly a very important tradition here at NHH. As I shared with the guests, we recognized—combined—more than 1,180 years of service to this hospital, in addition to other awards for leadership, innovation and education. That IS something to celebrate!

Doug Mann, our Board Chair, shared details on five physicians recognized for long-service milestones this year. Dr. Andrew Emery (35 years), Dr. Mark Azzopardi (25 years) and Dr. Jeffrey Knackstedt (20 years) were recognized for providing in-hospital support to admitted in-patients, among other responsibilities while Drs. Frank and Paul Marrocco were each thanked for two decades of service in our Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Palliative Care RN Kathy Chomitz went home with the 2014 Outstanding Innovation Award for her work developing a new resource booklet—a Palliative Care Tool—to spread knowledge of palliative care best practices throughout the hospital. OTN Coordinator Patti Ley was recognized with this year's Outstanding Leadership Award for her work expanding our OTN program here at NHH.

We had one 30-year pin recipient this year, and two each in the 35 and 40 year categories. Very special congratulations go out to Pam Oakman (30 years), Brenda Ough and Mary Anne Shaw (35 years) and Nancy Linton and Louise Rusk (40 years).

I particularly enjoyed hearing the personal anecdotes about each recipient. We rarely have an opportunity like that to get a glimpse of what makes each staff member special to their respective team and, by extension, the entire hospital. Also a pleasure for me was the chance to meet spouses and family members of the recipients. As we all know, our families support us in our work each and every day and I was very happy to see so many come out for this event.

A full listing of all of our award recipients is available in the related news release on our website, [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca). Watch for additional photos from the evening in our upcoming Annual Report, scheduled for publication in late June.

Sincerely,  
Linda



Palliative care RN Kathy Chomitz received NHH's 2014 Outstanding Innovation Award for her work developing a reference tool on palliative care best practices for staff throughout the hospital.

From left to right: Dr. Andrew Emery (recognized for 35 years of service), Dr. Jeffrey Knackstedt (20 years) and Dr. Mark Azzopardi (25 years).

## Local students' achievements recognized with 2014 Health Professions Scholarships

The recipients of NHH's annual Health Professions Scholarships were announced May 12th. Jessica Cable (left), of Cobourg, and Breanna Haig, of Colborne, were both recognized with awards for \$1,000.

Introduced by the hospital in 2003, the Scholarship Program has been recognizing local students for their academic achievements and community service for 11 years.

"By helping local students achieve their academic goals, we hope to encourage them to consider opportunities at NHH when the time comes to select an employer," said Board Chair Doug Mann. For details on the 2014 recipients' and the 2015 application process, please see the related release on [nhh.ca](http://nhh.ca).



## Leslee Thompson, keynote speaker for NHH's Annual General Meeting



NHH's Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, June 19th in the Education Centre. Our keynote speaker this year is Leslee Thompson, President and CEO of Kingston General Hospital (KGH). Ms. Thompson is a sought after speaker on the importance of patient engagement within the health-care system. She'll be sharing insights into KGH's model for engagement, and the journey that got them to where they are today. The Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 PM. All welcome.

## Big Bike for Heart and Stroke!

If you were in downtown Cobourg on Tuesday, May 27th you likely heard NHH's Big Bike team making some noise! We were very happy to contribute \$2,956 to the Big Bike effort this year, thanks again to generous donors. This was our biggest team and fund-raising result yet and all for a very good cause: heart and stroke research. For details on this annual event now crossing Canada, see [bigbike.ca](http://bigbike.ca). Thank you to the fantastic local organizers at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Peterborough!



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