



## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THREE LOCAL STUDENTS

Three model students were presented with Health Professions Scholarships from Northumberland Hills Hospital at the Board's Quality and Safety Committee meeting last month. Shown right, following presentation of the annual awards are: (l-r) Elizabeth Vosburgh, NHH Vice President, Human Resources and Quality; scholarship recipients **Mason Curtis, Taylor Clark** and **Megan Anderson**; and John Hudson, Chair, NHH Board of Directors.



Introduced by NHH in 2003, the annual scholarship program provides financial assistance to students from west Northumberland who are pursuing a career in the health care sector. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and references. By supporting local students early in their academic studies, NHH hopes to encourage them to consider the Hospital in their career path when the time comes to select an employer. Applications for the 2012 scholarships are invited at any time. For details, including the application form, see [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca)

## 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOCUSED ON QUALITY AND SAFETY

*Message from John Hudson, Chair*

Last week marked the first full-scale session of the 2011-2012 Board of Directors since our Annual Meeting in June. In keeping with the requirements of the Excellent Care for All Act (ECFAA), which came into law in Ontario in June of 2010, the coming year will see a heightened focus for our Board in the areas of quality and safety, alongside our traditional responsibilities of governance and financial accountability.

Five standing committees support our priorities, namely: Facilities and Campus Development (chaired by Jack Russell); Finance and Audit (chaired by Bill Gerber); Governance (chaired by Doug Mann); Nominating (chaired by John Farrell); and Quality and Safety (chaired by Kaye Jackson). Board members and community representatives serve on each, while Doug Mann and Jack Russell serve as First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair of our Board, respectively, to ensure that the necessary succession planning is in place.

It is my privilege to serve for the third year as Chair of this talented and enthusiastic group of community representatives dedicated to supporting NHH through both Board and committee service. As we commence a new season, we look forward to working together through the challenges and opportunities that face both hospitals and our health-care system as a whole.

Monthly meetings of the full NHH Board, held generally on the first Thursday of the month, at 5:00 PM, are open to the public and the media. I encourage anyone with an interest in health care to attend. For further details on the NHH Board, including biographical information on each member, please see the Hospital website at [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca)



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## NHH SELECTED AS HOST AGENCY FOR NEW REGIONAL SPECIALIZED GERIATRICS SERVICES

NHH received a strong endorsement last month from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) for recent advances in the delivery of care for local seniors. On Friday, August 25th the Central East LHIN announced that NHH was selected through a competitive process as the host agency for an innovative new Regional Specialized Geriatrics Services (RSGS) entity.

Now in the process of being established, the new RSGS entity will have a shared governance model and be responsible for coordinating the organization and delivery of specialized geriatric services in the Central East. In addition to providing administrative support, NHH—as host agency—will play an important role in leading the entity's establishment in the coming months.

Being a host agency for a regional service is a first for NHH. In recommending NHH to the Central East LHIN Board, the review committee commended NHH for making "...significant strides towards embracing a patient-focused, inter-professional, senior-friendly model of care throughout the organization that

aligns well with the direction of the LHIN in improving health outcomes for seniors."

The LHIN estimates that, by 2019, the number of seniors aged 65+ will increase by 19 per cent in the Central East region, and the number of seniors aged 85 and older will increase by 47 per cent. Today, Northumberland County represents one of the oldest populations in the province. Hence, there is strong alignment with RSGS and NHH's own plans for improving geriatric care for our community.

"NHH is honoured to be chosen by the LHIN for this important role," said John Hudson, Chair of the NHH Board of Directors. "Our LHIN is taking an innovative and very focused approach to improving our region's care for seniors and we're pleased to be part of it."

For a copy of the full RSGS announcement, and more information about the LHIN's focus on "Creating an Integrated Health Care Experience for Central East Seniors," see the Central East LHIN website at [www.centraleasthin.on.ca](http://www.centraleasthin.on.ca).

### *Upcoming NHH Foundation Events*

**11th Annual Northumberland Hills Hospital  
Foundation Gala - "Come Together"**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 19th at 8:30 AM

For more information, please visit the Foundation section at [www.nhh.ca](http://www.nhh.ca) or call the Foundation office at 905-372-6811, ext. 3065