



NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Healing Hands booklet not endorsed by Northumberland Hills Hospital, Foundation or Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, March 9, 2017—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation and Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre (Cornerstone) are cautioning area business owners about possible telephone calls inviting them to purchase booklets for use by sick and needy children in the community.

A representative of the *Healing Hands Book* contacted a local business operator recently, claiming that they were working with Northumberland Hills Hospital and area women's shelters, including Cornerstone, on a booklet that is currently being distributed to children in the region. The booklet is said to contain games, puzzles and other distractions. Sponsors are invited to 'buy' books, at a rate of \$5 per book, which will in turn carry a label with their name on the cover.

Neither NHH, the NHH Foundation nor Cornerstone are affiliated with the publication. The publication is not authorized for distribution at NHH or Cornerstone, nor did the organizations approve of the solicitations in their name.

While it is not known how broad-spread the solicitations from this company have been in our region, on recommendation from local police, NHH and Cornerstone are sharing this information as a precaution.

Any Northumberland businesses contacted by this publication are advised to decline the opportunity and forward the information to Constable Jason Salisbury, referencing Cobourg Police File CB 1700 1258.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital

Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. 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 approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

About the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation is a dedicated team of enthusiastic volunteers and staff who are passionately committed to improving health care and the quality of life in our communities.

Our mission is to foster philanthropic support to benefit the patients of Northumberland Hills Hospital.

For more information, visit: www.nhhfoundation.ca

About Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre

Cornerstone Family Violence Prevention Centre is a place where hope grows. We are breaking the cycle of family violence by providing immediate shelter, counseling and prevention services throughout Northumberland County.

This year we provided close to 6,000 night of shelter to women and children in our community fleeing family violence. We offer a variety of services and we encourage you to explore them at our website www.cornerstonenorthumberland.ca.

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