



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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NHH CEO presented with health care leadership award

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Friday, October 14, 2011 – At a ceremony in downtown Toronto last night, Northumberland Hills Hospital’s President and CEO Robert Biron was named the recipient of the 2011 Graduate Leadership Award from the Society of Graduates of the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine’s Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

Robert Biron received a Master’s degree in Health Science from the University of Toronto’s Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation in June 1997.

The event was attended by a mix of academics, students and health sector professionals, as well as representatives from the NHH Board and management team. Society of Graduates President Sue VanderBent served as master of ceremonies and NHH Board Chair John Hudson presented Robert with his award, on the Society’s request.

Below is an excerpt from John Hudson’s remarks:

“Recognition from such an accomplished group of health administration alumni is a real honour. The vision and leadership Robert brought to the collaborative budget strategy named “Shared Challenge - Shared Solution” has been recognized by the Minister of Health, the Ontario Hospital Association and Accreditation Canada.

Robert is now three years into the leadership of NHH. Many patient-centred initiatives have been undertaken designed to provide better care and a favourable hospital experience for both admitted patients and those requiring ambulatory services. Wait times are well within provincial standards and some are among the lowest in the province. As important, the budget was balanced in fiscal 2010/11 and is on the right track for 2011/12.

Robert, you are a credit to Northumberland Hills Hospital, to the community the hospital serves and to the health care industry in which you have chosen your career path. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition.”

Also recognized last night by the Society for innovations and literary achievements in the health care field were:

- Dipti Purbhoo, Senior Director, Client Services with the Toronto Community Care Access Centre (Graduate Innovation Award);
- Dr. Mohamad Alameddine, Assistant Professor at the department of Health Management and Policy at the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut (Graduate Literary Award in Health Policy Management); and
- Dr. Liane Ginsburg, Associate Professor in the School of Health Policy and Management at York University and an Ontario Ministry of Health Career Scientist (Graduate Literary Award in Health Sciences Evaluation).

For further details on NHH's *Shared Challenge, Shared Solution* process, see the hospital's website at www.nhh.ca.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, and obstetrical care. Post-acute services include restorative care, interim long-term care, rehabilitation and palliative care. 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 Alwick/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.

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