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NHH Auxiliary offers Dixie Mikel Scholarship for student hospital volunteers

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday, July 7, 2025—The Board of Directors of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary is reminding all NHH student volunteers that applications for its annual Dixie Mikel Scholarships are being accepted until Thursday, July 30.

Dixie Mikel Scholarships, in the amount of \$1,250 each, are awarded annually by the NHH Auxiliary Board to a successful applicant(s) who has:

- Accumulated a minimum 80 volunteer hours at Northumberland Hills Hospital;
- Been accepted to, or is attending, a post-secondary institution taking courses that lead to a medical degree in health sciences, nursing, medical research or biotechnology.

This scholarship was created in memory of the late Yvonne (Dixie) Mikel, wife of a prominent local physician, Dr. Don Mikel, and a long-time supporter of the Auxiliary at the former Cobourg hospital site. Mrs. Mikel is credited with founding the Student Auxiliary Volunteer program which continues to this day, in expanded form, at NHH.

The Dixie Mikel Scholarship is presented annually, generally in late fall and early winter.

If you are an NHH Auxiliary student volunteer and would like to apply for this year's Dixie Mikel Scholarship, please visit https://nhh.ca/document/dixie-mikel-scholarship-application

For details on the Auxiliary Board's scholarship opportunity and current volunteer opportunities, including application forms, please visit the <u>Volunteers tab</u> of the hospital website.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary – The Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary volunteers are dedicated individuals of all ages who work alongside hospital staff, physicians and midwives supporting the work of virtually every department. Whether delivering water jugs to patients, helping in various service areas throughout the hospital, taking shifts in the Auxiliary's two retail operations (The Little Treasure Shop, at NHH, and Petticoat Lane, on Munroe Street

in Cobourg) or providing a warm welcome at the main entrance, Auxiliary volunteers play a critical role in strengthening the quality of care and experience at NHH. For background information on the Auxiliary, please visit https://nhh.ca/Volunteers/NHHAuxiliary or follow us on Facebook monorthumberlandhillshospitalauxiliary

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