



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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Canada flag to fly at half-mast on Wednesday, September 22 in honour of NHH Auxiliary volunteers who passed away in 2020/21

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, September 21, 2021—The Canada flag outside the main entrance at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will be lowered on Wednesday, September 22, in honour of active and former NHH Auxiliary volunteers known to have passed away in the last year.

In conjunction with a reading of their names at the Auxiliary's Annual General Meeting—which will be held virtually on the same day—this annual flag tradition recognizes the exceptional commitment of Auxiliary volunteers throughout the hospital.

Prior to the pandemic, Auxiliary members collectively contributed more than 40,000 hours of time each year, greeting patients as they entered, supporting wayfinding, offering a comforting voice in the Emergency Department, serving customers in the Little Treasure Shop gift shop inside the main entrance, and sorting and selling gently used items donated to their community thrift shop, Petticoat Lane, to support the hospital's capital equipment needs.

“The NHH Auxiliary's mission is to provide effective and compassionate assistance to visitors, staff and patients, in an environment that promotes the dignity and wellbeing of all,” said Susan Walsh, NHH President and CEO. “For over 95 years this team has been helping to deliver quality care at NHH and our legacy organizations. Many Auxiliary roles have changed in the past 18 months, due to the pandemic, but the Auxiliary's commitment to NHH and generosity of spirit has not. On behalf of everyone at NHH, thank you for all you do for NHH and the patients and families we serve and a very special thanks to the 36 individuals recognized below for 575 years of volunteer service, combined.”

In 2021 we join the NHH Auxiliary members in remembering the following individuals and thanking them for their service:

Deceased Auxiliary Members – 2020-2021

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Molly Leckey	2013 – 2020: 7 Years	December 16, 2020
Courtney Ponting	2018 – 2020: 2 Years	January 10, 2021

Elizabeth Campbell Parken	1970 – 2020: 50 Years	January 21, 2021
Brenda Weatherby	2006 – 2020: 14 years	February 13, 2021
Diane Glennie	2001 – 2021: 20 years	March 5, 2021
Rebecca Louise McGowan	2011 – 2021: 10 years	April 9, 2021
Patricia Fenner (Past President)	2002 – 2018: 16 years	May 22, 2021
Edward Frank Godawa	2010 – 2019: 9 years	June 15, 2021

We also remember the following *past* Auxiliary members who died this year. They are:

Name	Years of Service	Date Deceased
Martha Brunton "Marie" Buntin	2001 – 2010: 9 years	April 6, 2020
Brenda Mary Baker	1998 – 2007: 9 years	April 18, 2020
Margaret "Margot" Donald	2002 – 2009: 7 years	May 8, 2020
Joan Marie Kelly	1990 – 2008: 18 years	May 12, 2020
Joan Margaret Shaubel	2013 – 2015: 2 years	May 22, 2020
Mary Thomson	2006 – 2008: 2 years	June 4, 2020
Gerald (Jerry) William Chatten	2002 – 2014: 12 years	June 15, 2020
Mary Elizabeth Moore	2007 – Oct 2007	June 22, 2020
Eric James Barrett	2012 – 2013: 1 year	June 24, 2020
Kaye Hamilton	2004 – 2017: 13 years	Sept. 5, 2020
Eileen Mary Wilkinson	1975 – 2013: 38 years	Sept. 17, 2020
Edna May Henderson	1989 – 2008: 19 years	Sept. 25, 2020
Rita Worsley	1977 – 2012: 35 years	Sept. 25, 2020
Marlyn 'Ruth' Gordon (past Auxiliary President)	1971 – 2007: 36 years	October 2, 2020
Donald Frederick King	2006 – 2008: 2 years	October 4, 2020
Olive Merle Zealand	1973 – 2017: 44 years	October 29, 2020
Donald Percy Macklin	2000 – 2014: 14 years	December 7, 2020
Barbara Anne Fenton	2006 – 2009: 3 years	December 24, 2020
Annelies Lichtenberger	1994 – 2014: 20 years	January 25, 2021
Anna "Merle" Carlson	1974 – 2010: 36 years	January 29, 2021
Georgina "Lady" Hagemeyer	2003 – 2010: 7 years	February 20, 2021
Doris Loreen Winter	1995 – 2011: 16 years	February 20, 2021

Nancy Carol Foden	1998 – 2011: 13 years	March 9, 2021
Ruby Frances Kemp	1990 – 2007: 17 years	March 16, 2021
Phyllis Irene Adams	2003 – 2019: 17 years	March 16, 2021
Marlene Mary Vout (Stevenson)	2002 – 2016: 14 years	May 5, 2021
Linda Moore	1976 – 2014: 38 years	May 7, 2021
Beverley Joanne Joscelyn	2006 – 2011: 5 years	May 14, 2021

Interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the NHH Auxiliary, today or in the future? Please visit the [Volunteers tab at nhh.ca](#)

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 more than 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 more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit [nhh.ca](#) or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](#) or Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](#)

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