NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS
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NHH mourns loss of volunteer Board Director, Hon. Christine Stewart, P.C.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, April 27th, 2015—It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss this past weekend of a dear friend and colleague, the Honourable Christine Stewart, P.C.

"Highly respected for her local, national and international community service, Christine joined the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Board of Directors in October 2010 as a community committee volunteer on the Quality and Safety Committee," said Jack Russell, NHH Board Chair.

In June 2011 she became a Director of the Board, "most recently serving as Chair of the Quality and Safety Committee and NHH Board representative on the NHH Foundation Board," said Russell.

"Christine was deeply committed to quality patient care and good governance," said Russell. "Our Board and our community have been most fortunate to have had the benefit of her wisdom. On behalf of NHH, I extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family. Her model of dedicated service and gentle, wise counsel has made us all richer."

The Canadian flag is being flown at half-mast in front of the hospital in recognition of Christine Stewart's contribution to NHH. Funeral arrangements are in progress and will be announced by the family at a later date.

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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, and obstetrical care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative 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 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.

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