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## RVH FILM FESTIVAL HONOURS SCHOOLS AND STAFF ON THE RED CARPET

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) honoured two local schools as part of its annual film festival – W.R. Best Memorial Public School and Unity Christian High School. The two schools were recognized for their achievements in each of their respective categories – W.R. Best Memorial Public School in the elementary category and Unity Christian High School in the high school category.

“This is the fourth year we’ve run the RVH Film Festival as a unique way to promote creativity and engagement among our staff, physicians and volunteers,” says Suzanne Legue, vice president, Strategy, Communications and Stakeholder Relations. “This year we opened up the film festival to the schools in the region, inviting them to participate as well. We thought it would be inspiring for TEAM RVH to hear from the community and provide a unique opportunity for students to apply what they’ve learned about video and media in school to produce a video.”

Classes, teachers and schools submitting videos were asked to express ‘What does RVH mean to you?’ through short videos (three minutes or less).

The entry from W.R. Best Memorial Public School was filmed and edited by grade 8 student Edward Verbon, who aspires to direct movies one day. The film featured teachers reflecting on milestones in their life which have happened at RVH.

Unity Christian High School explored mental health in their short film with a focus on the need for RVH’s new child and youth mental health program. Created by Unity’s grade 11 media class, the film featured interviews and statistics about child and youth mental health.

Based on the theme ‘Safety is our promise’, RVH staff, physicians and volunteers submitted seven films to the film festival. Winners were selected in three categories:

- **MY CARE** Award – *Safety in our pocket* by the Renal program
- Most Creative Award – *RVH Weekly Update* by Health Information Management/Decision Support and *Don’t stay silent about safety* by Occupational Health & Safety
- People’s Choice Award – *PFS Team Rocks* by Patient Food Services

All the films are still available for viewing on RVH’s YouTube channel (RVHBarrieON) or at <http://bit.ly/RVHFF2017>

### Cutline 1: W.R. Best Memorial Public School

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) honoured W.R. Best Memorial Public School of Shanty Bay in the elementary school category at the health centre’s annual film festival awards. Edward Verbon (centre), a grade 8 student, filmed and edited the video featuring school staff reflecting on the milestones they have experienced at RVH. From left with Edward – Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH; Eileen Carl, principal, W.R. Best Memorial Public School; Mary Burrows, teacher, W.R. Best Memorial Public School; and Michael O’Keefe, vice chair of the RVH Board of Directors.

### Cutline 2: Unity Christian High School

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) honoured Unity Christian High School of Barrie at the health centre’s annual film festival awards. The grade 11 media class from Unity explored mental health in their short film, focusing on the need for child and youth mental health care in the region. Michael O’Keefe (far left), vice chair of the RVH Board of Directors presented the high school category award to several students from the media class and Valerie Clark (far right), teacher, Unity Christian High School.

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