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## RVH's Crystal Classic celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Supporters of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) teed off in beautiful weather at the 30<sup>th</sup> Crystal Classic golf tournament at the Barrie Country Club. This year's event raised approximately \$90,000 for the health centre's \$25 million Hearts & Minds campaign. Over the past 30 years, the Crystal Classic has raised nearly \$2.7 million for RVH.

"At RVH, we are constantly undergoing change and growth to bring more services to patients in this region," says Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH. "The two clinical priorities at the forefront of our efforts right now are advanced cardiac care and child and youth mental health services. Construction is already well underway on both an advanced cardiac centre and child and youth mental health inpatient unit, but we still rely on the generous support from events like Crystal Classic to keep us moving forward and equipping these areas. When both areas open in late 2017, we will be ready to provide safe, high-quality care to heart and mental health patients."

RVH's advanced cardiac program will provide heart diagnostics and interventions, starting with angiograms in late-2017 and angioplasty 18 months later, giving patients access to faster treatment, a shorter hospital stay and less travel time.

The new child and youth mental health program will include an eight-bed inpatient unit, outpatient and crisis support services, and a day hospital program. It is estimated the program will provide care for up to 300 children in its first year of operation.

"After 30 years we are really celebrating two legacies at this year's Crystal Classic – a legacy as one of the largest and most successful charity golf tournaments in the region and the legacy of RVH providing care to Simcoe and Muskoka for 120 years," says Skot. "And I can reassure you, RVH would not be what it is today without the loyal support this golf tournament has received over the past 30 years. We're truly grateful for the incredible support of this community in helping us bring care closer to come."

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"This year's Crystal Classic was another successful golf tournament, dinner and silent auction, but we couldn't have done it without the help of the members of our dedicated Crystal Classic Committee - Nancy McCullough, Dale Pickard, Shaun Sauvé and Craig Wallwin - our Crystal sponsor Casino Rama, our presenting sponsor Teknicor/Dell, our media partner Metroland Media/Barrie Advance, and our platinum sponsor Northwest Healthcare Properties," says David McCullough, chair of the RVH Foundation Board of Directors.

During the day golfers enjoyed on-course activities and refreshments provided by Jackson's Toyota, Wild Wing South Barrie, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Centre, RBC, Milestone's, Casino Rama, Barnstormer Brewing & Distilling Co., and Kool FM/Rock 95.

**Cutline A: Golfers get ready for RVH's 30<sup>th</sup> Crystal Classic. The Crystal Classic raised almost \$90,000 for Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Hearts & Minds campaign, which has already raised \$21 million of its \$25 million goal since launching in 2015. The Hearts & Minds campaign is raising funds for five areas of focus at RVH – advanced cardiac care, child and youth mental health, equipment, women's cancer services, and teaching and research.**

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RVH is a regional health centre in Barrie, Ontario, located 80 kilometres north of Toronto. As the largest hospital in the region of Simcoe Muskoka, RVH's team of over 350 physicians, 2,500 employees and 850 volunteers provides exceptional care and specialty services to almost half a million residents, including cancer care, stroke services, orthopaedics, intensive care, mental health and interventional radiology. RVH is focused on delivering high-quality, safe care that puts patients and their families first. For more information visit [www.rvh.on.ca](http://www.rvh.on.ca)