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RVH honours staff for years of service

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) recently honoured employees and physicians for their years of service, celebrating their dedication and commitment to the health centre and its patients.

At the ceremony, held February 11, RVH honoured Dr. James Strangway and Mary Ellen Love, registered nurse, cancer program, for an incredible 45 years of service.

These service awards are given to staff and physicians for every five years of employment. This year, 317 members of TEAM RVH, including 47 physicians, were recognized for years of service. Some of those honoured worked at the old RVH site on Ross Street, the current Georgian Drive site and now in the new expansion.

Donna Kelly, Patient Food Services, and Dr. David Handley were also honoured for 40 years of service. In addition, nine staff and two physicians celebrated 35 years of service while 14 staff and one physician received an award for 30 years of service. Forty staff and five physicians were inducted into the Quarter Century Club for RVH employees with 25 or more years of service.

“Whether we honour staff for five years or 45 years, what we are truly celebrating, and find so impressive, is the impact our staff and physicians have on the patient experience every day,” says Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH. “By living our **MY CARE** philosophy, they ensure we are able to put our patients and families first every day with every encounter.”

Kirsten Parker, chair of the RVH Board of Directors, was in attendance and congratulated each of the recipients.

“The people we honoured believe in our vision, mission and values, and prove it every day through their actions,” says Parker. “As an organization, we are grateful to have such a dedicated, loyal group of people on our team, providing the safe, high-quality, patient-centred care the people in our region deserve – and have come to expect -- from RVH.”

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Cutline: Mary Ellen Love, registered nurse in the cancer program, was honoured for 45 years of services at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre’s (RVH) annual Service Awards. Congratulating Love is Kirsten Parker (left), chair, Board of Directors, RVH, and Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO.

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About RVH:

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