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Crystal Classic celebrates 26 years of support for RVH

This year's Crystal Classic golfers braved the weather to hit the links at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in support of Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH).

"Mother Nature may not have co-operated but the rain didn't dampen the spirits of our loyal Classic participants," said RVH President and CEO Janice Skot. "They came out in full force again this year to support the work that we do here at RVH. Last year we celebrated the opening of the Phase 1 Expansion. This year we look towards expanding the services we offer in much needed areas like advanced cardiac care and child and youth mental health so our region's residents can get the care they need, closer to home. Funds raised at the Classic allow us to pursue these worthy goals."

The Crystal Classic is one of the largest and most successful charity golf tournaments in the Barrie area and it has developed a significant following over its 26 year history, selling out every year. The tournament, presented for the first time this year by RBC Royal Bank, RBC Wealth Management and RBC Dominion Securities, has become a much sought-after charity event raising more than \$2.3 million for RVH.

"It has been such a pleasure to welcome our new Presenting Sponsors RBC Royal Bank, RBC Wealth Management and RBC Dominion Securities to the Crystal Classic team," says Wayne Dusome chair, Crystal Classic Committee. "We are so grateful to our supporters and participants who make this event such a success year after year. We see so many of them back time and again. And that is a testament to the loyalty and dedication people have for this event; for RVH; and the extraordinary role the health centre plays in all our lives."

During the day golfers enjoyed treats on the course provided by Wild Wing South Barrie, Coca-Cola, Jugo Juice, Druxy's, GolferAid and massages courtesy of the staff from Barrie Sports Medicine.

"After 26 years I'm still impressed with the incredible support we receive for the Crystal Classic," says Scott Elliott, chair, RVH Foundation Board of Directors. "The Phase 1 Expansion is a perfect showcase of this community's generosity. But our work is not done. We still count on our loyal supporters and events like the Crystal Classic, to bring the latest technology to patients and to bring new programs closer to home for residents of Simcoe and Muskoka."

Cutline: The 2013 Crystal Classic Trophy was awarded to the team of Tyler Murray, Jimmy Furlano, Brian Roy and Dr. Stu Murdoch, with a score of 54, by Wayne Dusome, Chair of the Crystal Classic Committee.

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