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## Hedbern Homes helps patient care

At their recent 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Hedbern Homes of Barrie, Ontario, announced a \$100,000 gift to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) to support patient care. Hedbern Homes began their tradition of giving to RVH in 1988 and with this latest contribution, owners Bernie and Heather Still, will have donated more than \$230,000 to the health centre.

"We have been very fortunate to have the success we have had with Hedbern Homes, and through the loyalty and support given to us by the community, we are honoured that we can turn that around and give back," says Bernie Still, owner, Hedbern Homes. "We have seen Barrie grow so much in the past 30 years. We want RVH to be able to meet the increasing demand for health services which goes hand in hand with a rapidly expanding population. We build houses, we help build communities and we know a health centre like RVH is a critical part of any community."

With RVH's recent expansion complete, the health centre is focused on continuing to bring specialized programs closer to home. Over the next five years, RVH plans to expand its services in the areas of advanced cardiac care, child and youth mental health and women's cancer services, while expanding clinical research and teaching. Additionally, RVH relies 100 per cent on the generosity of donors to fund new equipment that ensures safe, high quality care. The right quality and quantity of equipment means reduced wait times, more patients being treated, earlier diagnoses and better treatment options.

North Simcoe Muskoka is the only region in the province without advanced cardiac services. As a result, every year more than 3,500 heart patients must travel to centres outside the region for lifesaving cardiac care. Another priority is the development of a Child and Youth mental health program to provide fast access to high quality services, early identification and support for vulnerable children with unique needs is unprecedented in this region. Like advanced cardiac care, mental health services dedicated to children and youth are currently not available in this region for the thousands who need it.

"We wouldn't have been able to complete our expansion without the support and loyalty of long-time donors like the Still family of Hedbern Homes," says Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH. "And now, even after 26 years of giving to RVH, they have chosen to continue supporting our goal of bringing care closer to home. The Stills, through their experience as builders and developers, clearly understand what makes a community whole, as well as the need for comprehensive health services to serve a whole community."

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Cutline: The Still family gathered at the new office of Hedbern Homes in Barrie to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business, as well as their latest donation to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) for \$100,000. Hedbern Homes and its owners, Bernie (back row, second from right) and Heather Still (front row, third from right), have been generously supporting RVH since 1988, giving more than \$230,000 including this latest donation.

### About Hedbern Homes

Hedbern Homes is a Canadian, family-owned home builder with a reputation built on quality workmanship and excellent after-sales customer service. Founded by Heather and Bernie Still, a civil technologist, in 1984, Hedbern Homes has successfully completed more than 10 large developments and built many more custom homes in the Barrie and surrounding areas. In every home built by Hedbern Homes, they incorporate ideas and trends of the future while drawing on the traditions that come from past experience.

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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](http://www.rvh.on.ca)