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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 January 30, RVH honoured two staff members - Jan Neale, registered nurse, Rehabilitation Day program, and Lorraine Sederquest, director, Organizational Development - for an incredible 40 years of service.

These service awards are given to staff and physicians for every five years of employment and this year, 272 staff and three physicians were recognized for five to 40 years of service. Some of those honoured today worked at the old RVH site on Ross Street, the current Georgian Drive site and now in the new expansion. What is even more astounding is that cumulatively, the years of service represented at the ceremony totals nearly 3,500 years.

In addition, eight staff were honoured for 35 years of service, six staff received an award for 30 years of service and 31 staff were inducted into the RVH Quarter Century Club for RVH employees with 25 or more years of service.

“Whether we honour staff for five years or 40 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, first vice chair of the RVH Board of Directors, was in attendance and congratulated each of the recipients.

“I applaud each of you for your commitment to ensuring our patients and their families are at the centre of everything we do,” says Parker. “Through your skill, compassion and dedication, we promise our patients the safest, best possible experience in our health centre. Having been a patient here in the past year, I know you deliver on that promise. You have made us healthcare leaders in this region and I am so proud to be a member of your Board of Directors.”

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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