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Powell Jones proud to call RVH their health centre

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has received a generous gift of \$50,000 from Powell Jones LLP Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors which will fund five priority areas the health centre has identified over the next five years. These areas include advanced cardiac care, child and youth mental health, women's cancer services, equipment and research. Powell Jones has a long history of supporting RVH having already given nearly \$140,000 to the health centre in the past.

"We began our tradition of giving to RVH in 1988 even before the I Believe campaign and the incredible expansion was built, and we have never looked back," says Greg Ferguson, partner, Powell Jones LLP. "Our seven partners unanimously agree on how important it is to continue our support. We have a very personal connection to RVH - it is both ours and our clients' hospital - and we want to ensure the highest quality health care is available close to home. This means comprehensive services so that if a family member, friend or client needs care because of a heart attack, mental illness or cancer, they can receive it from highly skilled health professionals using the latest equipment to provide it."

With the \$450 million expansion complete and based on the needs of the community RVH serves, the health centre aims to bring specialized programs like advanced cardiac care as well as child and youth mental health services closer to home.

Bringing advanced cardiac care to Simcoe Muskoka would mean that 3,500 heart patients who previously had to travel out of the region would be able to receive diagnosis and treatment without leaving the area. Currently there are no inpatient mental health services available to children and youth in this region. RVH is developing a child and youth mental health program which will provide inpatient beds, outpatient services and crisis support. Ensuring the health centre can provide comprehensive women's cancer care, encouraging teaching, learning and research, and purchasing the latest, cutting edge technology are also prominent priorities for RVH in the near future.

"RVH has chosen its five priorities based on what are the urgent and imminently growing needs of the Simcoe Muskoka region," says Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH. "We consider Powell Jones one of our partners in caring because they have also foreseen the need and have stepped up to help fulfill it. Because of their support, RVH is a few steps closer to reaching our objectives and bringing comprehensive care close to home for everyone in this region."

Cutline: Powell Jones LLP of Barrie has pledged \$50,000 to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) to assist in bringing specialized programs like advanced cardiac care as well as child and youth mental health services closer to home. The gift will also be directed toward women's cancer services, research and equipment, which is 100 per cent funded by community support. David McCullough (far left), vice-chair, RVH Foundation Board of Directors with the seven partners of Powell Jones including (from left) Scott Wilson, Alan Priest, Kim Smith, Ken Kapy, Tonya Pearce, Greg Ferguson and Scott MacKay.

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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