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RVH hosts a P.A.R.T.Y

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH), in partnership with Barrie Police Service and County of Simcoe Paramedic Service, has launched the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth or “P.A.R.T.Y”, targeted at 16 to 17 year olds.

“The P.A.R.T.Y program is a tremendous opportunity to help students understand how the decisions they make can impact the rest of their lives,” says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. “We want them to take the information back to their peers and to share the valuable lessons they learned. If we can impact one young person’s life through this program, then it’s more than worthwhile.”

Through the program, the students learn how to make wise choices and decisions; decisions about speed, distracted driving, alcohol and drugs. The P.A.R.T.Y program focuses on prevention and identifies risks they may be faced with during their school years. It then takes young people along the path of a trauma patient as they are rushed through the trauma room doors, into surgery, rehabilitation and recovery and what their life now looks like now.

The launch of this program not only provides valuable education but demonstrates the positive partnership between RVH, Simcoe County Paramedic Services and Barrie Police Service as they work together to save lives.

During the full day program students hear from paramedic services, the police and RVH experts. They also tour RVH’s Emergency department, the Intensive Care Unit, meet with a Coroner and learn about rehabilitation after a trauma. Likely one of the most impact parts of the day is when the students hear from a young woman who survived a trauma and how it has impacted her life. Area high schools interested in the program should contact RVH for more details.

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