

Celebrating Our Volunteers

April 23 to 29 is National Volunteer Week - but we started celebrating a little bit early!

On March 31st, the annual CPDMH Auxiliary Honours & Awards Celebration was held at the Carleton Place Arena. Over 120 people were on hand to salute the more than 100 volunteers at CPDMH. The evening was emceed by Melba Jarvis, a 45-year Auxiliary member.

“It was an opportunity to say thank you to the amazing men and women who volunteer every day,” notes Mary Wilson Trider, President and CEO. “They are hard at work inside and outside the Hospital, contributing in countless ways to patient care, helping physicians and staff and raising money.”

“As physicians, you may think we do not notice you, but we do. We appreciate your hard work and your smiles,” added Dr. Scott Higham, Chief of Staff.

As part of the celebrations, 11 Auxiliary members received their Provincial Life Membership award from the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario. Other pins were also presented, recognizing 5 to 55 years of service.

The Auxiliary was established in 1953, two years before the hospital was built. Auxiliary President Marg LeBlanc has done some quick calculations: “I went through the history books and determined that the Auxiliary has donated more than \$1.4 million to CPDMH, along with 645,276 hours of service. That’s a lot of bake sales, fashion shows, roast beef dinners and more!”

Thank you to our amazing volunteers!



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