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G&M Salutes Volunteers - 2010 National Volunteer Week

Collingwood, ON

The G&M Hospital (www.cgmh.on.ca) salutes the area's largest single group of volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 18th – 24th. National Volunteer Week is the biggest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in our country. These selfless individuals demonstrate their genuine compassion for the health and well being of our community and our 2.5 million annual visitors to our area.

“The Hospital is very fortunate to have over 400 volunteers actively involved in our community Hospital,” says Sadie Nixon, Manager Volunteer Services. “The staff, physicians and patients are very grateful for the services health care volunteers provide. Our volunteers love helping and caring for others and they truly make a difference in providing quality customer service to our organization.”

Quick Facts on the G&M Hospital's Valuable Volunteers:

- 400 + volunteers contribute to the 7 day/week operations of our Hospital
- G&M Volunteers provide over 30,000 hours annually
- The G&M has almost the same number of volunteers as staff members
- The Gift Shop is operated by volunteers, contributing significant dollars to running the G&M Hospital
- 2010 focus is on recruiting volunteers for unique service programs including Emergency Department Waiting Room Volunteers, Meal Assistance and Patients in Motion.

If you are interested in volunteering with the area's largest employer and volunteer group, please contact Sadie Nixon at 705.444.8615.

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*PHOTO (below): Leeann White, G&M Hospital Volunteer for the Meal Assistance Program

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Collingwood G&M Hospital (G&M) is a 72-bed hospital located in Collingwood, Ontario (approximately 90 minutes north of Toronto) that serves more than 60,000 permanent residents and 2.5 Million annual visitors to the communities of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and the Blue Mountains. The G&M is an acute care hospital providing emergency care, diagnostic services including lab, imaging and cardio respiratory therapy, as well as two inpatient units (medicine and surgery). In addition, the G&M also provides care in speciality areas including obstetrics, orthopaedics, intensive care and surgery. The Hospital also provides out patient care including dialysis and a wide range of clinics including mental health and rehabilitation services. The G&M continues to provide care close to home for our community and plays a key role as an integrated orthopaedic centre for our region. For more information please visit our website at www.cgmh.on.ca and our Foundation website at www.cgmhf.com

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