



# GRAND ROUNDS

The theme for our final Grand Rounds column of 2008 will be “What Made ’08 Great”.

When you are in the business of providing care, greatness comes in the day-to-day moments as well as in the major accomplishments. We are extremely pleased and proud to be able to offer you this brief summary of just some of the achievements, both big and small, of your community hospital this past year.

## New developments:

- We are one of only two sites in all of Eastern Ontario to receive approval to provide a new CT service and are now in the final stages of selecting the equipment that will deliver this important diagnostic procedure.
- We partnered with CHEO and seven other community hospitals to enhance our care for young children by standardizing our approach to common childhood illnesses.
- We welcomed Dr. Sherief Massoud, a full-time radiologist who came to us from CHEO, as the newest member of our medical team.

- We welcomed Catherine O’Neil as the new chair of our board and Andy Boldt as vice-chair.
- The board passed our 18th consecutive balanced budget at the annual general meeting.
- The RVH sleep lab expanded from three to five beds.
- We received a three-year commitment of \$100,000 each year for the Aging at Home strategy, which will be used to help elderly patients find permanent placements in long-term care facilities.
- Our annual golf tournament marked its 10th anniversary by raising \$30,700 in a single day for the RVH Foundation, bringing its total contribution over the past decade to more than \$270,000.
- We introduced a new CCAC nursing clinic on-site, bringing community health care close to home and reducing the pressure on our emergency department.
- We took a walk down memory lane, hosting the graduates of the nursing class of ’58 and joining in the community’s 150th anniversary celebrations.

## The care we give:

The RVH team provides all kinds of service to the people in our care. Here’s what kept us busy during the past 12 months:

- 28,317 patients were seen in our emergency department
- we provided 33,785 diagnostic imaging procedures
- there were 3,254 in-patient and out-patient operating room procedures
- our oncology team provided 1,394 chemotherapy treatments
- our dialysis team provided 11,575 dialysis treatments in Renfrew, Barry’s Bay and Pembroke
- 33 ambulatory clinics offered a variety of care on a regular basis, hosting 12,760 clinic visits
- and, to top it all off, 109 babies entered the world in the RVH delivery room!



**Thank you for making our Tree of Lights campaign shine! Your donations, and your presence at the lighting ceremony, above, inspire us as we get ready to begin another year of providing quality care to our community.**