



## Local Community has a MILLION Reasons to Celebrate!

**North Bay, ON** – Today, over 700 people gathered at the North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC) to take part in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Our Hospital Walk/Run*. Since the inception of *Our Hospital Walk/Run*, more than \$1,000,000 has been raised, and this year was a record breaking year, with over \$134,500 raised to help support the purchase of advanced medical equipment and programming at NBRHC.

“It is amazing to see so many familiar faces of those who have supported and participated in this important signature event for years. Funds raised today will support more advanced levels of care for you, your family and your community,” Paul Heinrich, President & CEO, NBRHC told the crowd during the opening ceremonies. “When you support your hospital, your donations stay local and help purchase needed medical equipment so that you have access to the best possible care, close to home,” Heinrich added.

Jean Jamieson shared why she is so passionate about Our Hospital Walk/Run. “Four years ago, my husband Bob and I received the devastating news that he had cancer, which began a life changing journey. His fight inspired our Century 21 Team,” she shared. “Bob passed away last year and we are here again today, grateful for the compassionate care he received. He would be so proud to see us supporting our hospital,” Jamieson added.

Community and Hospital teams were celebrated and recognized through the Team Challenge Awards. The Spirit Award and the Best Team Name Award was won by Deacon Wealth Walkers from Deacon Wealth Management. The Community Team Challenge, for the fourth year in a row, was awarded to C21 Movers and Shakers – Century 21. The Youth Team Challenge was awarded to North Bay Ice Boltz Peewee B. The Hospital Team Challenge was won for the third year in a row, by Wild Wild West - Forensic Program.

Mark Picard, Manager of Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC), and captain of the Ghost Whisperers team says these awards help recognize the hard work that goes into the Walk/Run. “Each year our team actively participates in *Our Hospital Walk/Run*. It is always a great day – running, walking and laughing along with community members and hospital employees. Our department loves to participate in Foundation activities and *Walk/Run* is the highlight of the year!” Picard said. “*Walk/Run* is an excellent opportunity to have fun as a group and at the same time raise funds for our hospital.”

“The community’s fundraising efforts are focused on supporting the purchase of advanced medical equipment, helping our colleagues, friends and family members have access to the best possible care here in North Bay,” said Tammy Morison, President and CEO of NBRHC Foundation. “I thank all of the sponsors, walkers, runners and volunteers, who made *Our Hospital Walk/Run* a huge success again this year. Through your support, you are helping to provide advanced levels of care, close to home.”

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Race results and more information about the event are available at [www.ourhospitalwalkrun.ca](http://www.ourhospitalwalkrun.ca).