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Community Raises \$121,000 for the North Bay Regional Health Centre

North Bay, ON – The 11th annual *Our Hospital Walk/Run* raised the flag in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday today with more than 700 participants running from one province to the next. In recognition of Canada 150 a welcome to each province was posted around the hospital ring road. Today's event raised more than \$121,000.

"It is inspiring to see so many community members come together in support of our hospital," Paul Heinrich, President & CEO, NBRHC, told the crowd during the opening ceremonies. "Proceeds raised from today's event ensure that our community has access to care, close to home."

North Bay resident, Linda Vander Schaaf shared her reasons for participating in the run. "In 2012 I was diagnosed with cancer. I used to think I was invincible. I lived a healthy life and participated in events like today's Walk/Run. I never realized how important our hospital is until I needed it to save my life. Our hospital played an important role in my care and we are all here today to raise funds for our hospital because we never know when we are going to need it."

Our Hospital Walk/Run is the largest community fundraiser held annually by the NBRHC Foundation. "The incredible fundraising efforts of our community support the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment" said Tammy Morison, Foundation President and CEO. "I appreciate the generosity of all our sponsors, race participants and volunteers who helped make *Our Hospital Walk/Run* a success again this year. Thank you for showing your pride in Canada, and for enhancing your healthcare, close to home."

Community and Hospital teams were celebrated and recognized through the Team Challenge Awards.

- The Community Team Challenge and Spirit Award: C21 Movers and Shakers – Century 21
- Best Team Name Award: Mojo Fitness
- The Youth Team Challenge: North Bay Minor Bantam AA Trappers
- The Hospital Team Challenge: Wild Wild West - Forensic Program

Since the inception of *Our Hospital Walk/Run* in 2006, our community has raised more than \$1,000,000 in support of the North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC).

Race results and more information about the event are available at www.ourhospitalwalkrun.ca.

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