



## GRAND ROUNDS

# Retiring Foundation Director acknowledges incredible support

What started out as a desire to volunteer turned into the final phase of her career for retiring Foundation Executive Director Barb Desilets. One of the founding members of the RVH Golf Classic, she will be behind the committee for the 20th anniversary event this year as she retires from a successful term with the RVH Foundation.

“We have been so fortunate to have Barb in the leadership role at the Foundation,” notes Jim Lemenchick, Foundation Chair. “Under her direction, programs were developed that will last for years to come, ensuring the hospital’s capital needs will continue to be met. We wish Barb every success in her well-earned retirement.”

Randy Penney, RVH President & CEO, also thanked Barb for all of her contributions to the Foundation and the hospital. “In addition to her role in the Foundation, Barb has been an active member of our Senior Management Team. She brought passion, energy and a wonderful sense of humour. Her presence will indeed be missed. On behalf

of both organizations, I would like to thank Barb for ten plus years of dedicated service.”

For her part, Desilets states, “It is difficult to put into words what this experience has meant. I can tell you that I leave with feelings of pride and satisfaction, but most of all appreciation for the opportunity. Working alongside the RVH team to support the healthcare needs of our community has been very meaningful. Together with the support of so many, I have been part of accomplishments from implementation of CT service to innovative concepts like the Healing Garden project to the largest expansion in RVH history under *I Choose RVH*. I can’t begin to name the partners, corporations, supporters, volunteers, staff, physicians, management and boards who have contributed in so many ways during my term, but extend a huge thank you to all. I will continue to be an advocate for RVH and encourage our community to do the same as you are, making a difference at RVH. I wish the Foundation continued success and thank you to everyone once again.”



**Top left: Barb Desilets (third from right) with the 2007 RVH Golf Classic Committee; top right: 2014 new signage; left: Randy Penney, RVH CEO, Jim Lemenchick, RVH Foundation Chair, and Barb Desilets at the 2017 Tree of Lights event.**

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