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## **Hospital and Health Team welcome two more doctors to Trent Hills**

**Campbellford – Friday, February 27, 2009** - Campbellford Memorial Hospital and the Trent Hills Family Health Team are pleased to announce that Drs. Jaun Bothma and Celeste Collins will begin family practice in Trent Hills in mid-September.

The husband and wife physician-couple capped off a 4 day site visit in January with the signing of contracts that will see them provide locum (relief) coverage to the Trent Hills Family Health Team for four months and then begin work in a shared practice in September at the Campbellford Memorial Health Centre site.

Both physicians hail originally from South Africa where they received their medical training and certification. Since immigrating to Canada in 1998, they have worked in Manitoba, British Columbia and for the past three years in northern Ontario. A desire to move south and enjoy a great rural lifestyle within an easy commute to larger centres, was what ultimately led them to Trent Hills. They were very impressed with the Family Health Team concept, the clinical space at the Health Centre and the ease with which they felt they already fit in with their new colleagues. "Jaun likes all the 'toys' we have in the ER", joked CMH Chief of Emergency Services Dr. Norm Bartlett during their hospital tour, "and both Jaun and Celeste were impressed when I told them that it is our own hospital Auxiliary group and our community who continue to support our ongoing equipment requests".

Dr. Bob Henderson, Medical Director for the Family Health Team, is enthusiastic about the skills and work experience both physicians will bring to the existing group. "Jaun and Celeste both have a depth of clinical knowledge that will be valuable to me, my colleagues, and our patients and they also are great people, ready to embrace their new community".

Kelly Isfan, CEO of Campbellford Memorial Hospital, feels that the addition of two more family doctors will create a much better workload balance for physicians caring for in-patients at CMH. "Dr. Bothma has also expressed a keen interest in assisting our emergency department as well as picking up some anaesthesia work, which will certainly be welcomed by the current medical staff".

The doctors were referred to CMH through CoreHealth International, an agency the hospital contracted last spring to assist with their ongoing recruitment efforts. Isfan is very pleased with the agency's work in matching this couple to Trent Hills and praised the efforts of Physician Liaison, Laurie Smith, who has assisted CoreHealth in assessing over 18 physician referrals since April 2008, arranging videoconferences, site visits and ensuring professional follow up.

"Bringing in three family physicians in one year has been a delight, a personal satisfaction after heading up the Physician Recruitment Committee for the past three and a half years" said Smith.

Once the physicians were referred to Trent Hills by Core Health, the Trent Hills Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee took over, ensuring that both doctors had a clear understanding of the community, had met many of their future colleagues and had their questions answered. Both new doctors commented that it was the quality of the people here that cemented their decision.

Drs. Bothma and Collins should enjoy the access that Trent Hills affords to all their interests outside of work which include music, art, skiing and cycling. They have one son, Tobias, 23, who is currently living and working in Vancouver, B.C. They will be bringing two special dogs with them to Trent Hills.

Patient sign up will begin immediately:

Contact the Family Health Team at: 705-653-1801 ext 4937 or drop in to the Campbellford Memorial Health Centre at 119 Isabella St, Campbellford.

**About Campbellford Memorial Hospital** - Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 34-bed health care facility located in Trent Hills. It serves approximately 30,000 Northumberland, Peterborough and Hastings County residents, as well as a large seasonal population of cottagers and tourists enjoying the beautiful Kawartha Lakes Region and the Trent River System.

As the only hospital located between Belleville and Peterborough, Ontario, CMH provides a comprehensive array of acute care services. The Hospital's 24-hour Emergency Department has approximately 22,000 visits each year. To ensure comprehensive, coordinated, patient and family-centred care that meets local needs, the Campbellford Memorial Hospital's community health care campus partners include: Trent Hills Family Health Team; Campbellford Memorial Health Centre; Campbellford Memorial Multicare Lodge; Campbellford and District Community Mental Health Centre; as well as other area hospitals and community agencies. These partners ensure you receive the right care in the right place at the right time. For more information, please visit [www.cmh.ca](http://www.cmh.ca)

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