



## **New resources to help ease the strain of mental illness**

*April 25, 2014 Hamilton, Ontario* — The stresses of mental illness often go unnoticed yet remain a very real struggle for so many. McKeil Marine Limited, a Hamilton, Ontario based tug and barge operator with a regional office in St. John's, NL is looking to help ease the strain by contributing to two efforts.

Continuing an ongoing relationship with The Janeway Children's Hospital and Janeway Children's Foundation, McKeil Marine is announcing a further contribution to the pediatric mental health unit. "We are privileged to continue a sustained relationship with such a vital service provider in the province, especially with the mental health focus of this contribution" said McKeil president Steve Fletcher. "More than half of our sailing crew hail from Newfoundland and the company is committed to supporting efforts to assist programs in communities our crew call home."

"Support from our corporate community, and companies like McKeil Marine, is vital to helping us provide all our kids at the Janeway with the best possible pediatric health care available," said Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation Executive Director, Lynn Sparkes. "McKeil Marine's continued generosity will help our Janeway Mental Health team in their mission to provide the children of NL with the support and care they need to live better today, for a healthier tomorrow."

Additionally, McKeil Marine is continuing a relationship with six-time Olympic medalist, Clara Hughes, which began in 2013 when the company hosted Clara in Hamilton for a series of events recognizing her contribution to sport and humanitarian causes. They will make a donation to a Torngat Mountains youth expedition for teens from northern communities. The expedition will be led by Clara and her husband Peter Guzman. Clara is currently making a stop in St. John's as part of her cross Canada Clara's Big Ride for Bell Let's Talk.

The family culture that runs through the company is a continuation of the philosophy adopted by the founder, Evans McKeil who started the business in 1956. Charities and not-for-profit initiatives focused on youth, education and healthy living are a focus for McKeil's community giving.

***McKeil Marine Limited*** is a tug and barge operator servicing the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, East Coast and Canadian Arctic. Since 1956 the company has provided innovative marine solutions for customers in transportation and project services. Headquartered in Hamilton, Ontario, McKeil Marine also has offices in Montreal, QC, St. John's, NL and Rothesay, NB.

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