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Museum of Health Care's Summer Family Program "Medical Memories" to Reflect on Health Care in Canada

(KINGSTON, ON) - The Museum of Health Care invites children ages 6-12 to participate in its summer family program "Medical Memories" to explore over 150 years of health care in Canada.

The program will be a hands-on educational opportunity for participants to learn about the health care practices before and during Confederation, and to compare them to those of today. Children will be able to handle medical artefacts, and will have the opportunity to learn about treatments for different illnesses by asking several 'professionals' for their medical advice—some advice will be scientifically sound and some will be quackery!

"Through hands-on activities and games, participants will discover what treatments for a common illness, like the flu, might have looked like in 1867 and compare them to methods used today – some of the treatments might be surprising," says Public Programs Assistant Lauren Westecott.

Children will create and take home their own home remedy for a common ailment from the 1800s. The day will conclude with an engaging talk about medicine and health care presented by a special guest.

"The program's hands-on approach helps bring the history of health care in Canada to life, letting participants learn through interactive and engaging games, crafts, and activities," says Public Programs Assistant Christopher Wiens.

<u>Pre-registration is required as space is limited</u>. To register, please call 613-548-2419 or email info@museumofhealthcare.ca.

This program is funded in part by the City of Kingston Heritage Fund.

Location: Museum of Health Care, 32 George Street

Dates: Every other Saturday in July and August (July 8, July 22, August 5, OR August 19)

Time: 10:00 am to noon

Cost: \$3 per participant (no charge for accompanying adults)

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