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**Trio of kid-friendly programs at Museum of Health Care this May**

KINGSTON, ON – Children and their families will have plenty of reasons to visit the Museum of Health Care next month, which will see a trio of kid-friendly programs. May is Museum Month in Ontario and the Museum of Health Care at Kingston will be participating in city-wide events initiated by the United Way KFL&A, Queen's University, City of Kingston, and Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM).

On Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> the Museum will be one of many local sites forming Kingston's inaugural *Science Rendezvous Day*. Kids of all ages can drop by between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to examine their fingertips, put their sense of touch to the test, and say hello to a friendly bed bug and other "Beasties That Bite." The hands-on science activities all about skin and teeth will encourage children to make connections between health care and their own lives.



Parents are invited to bring their younger children to the Museum on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for *Funny Bone Friday*, during United Way KFL&A's Success By 6 Week. Children aged 6 and under can enjoy a special story time, take a look at some real bones, make a piece of handprint art, and do gentle & fun "frolics" based on the movements of animals. Pre-registration for the two sessions, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m., is required by calling 613-548-2419 or e-mailing [museum@kgh.kari.net](mailto:museum@kgh.kari.net). The cost is \$3 per child, with no charge for accompanying adults.

Then on May 18<sup>th</sup>, drop by and make some noise in celebration of International Museum Day and Kingston's first annual LOUD DAY. For one day only the Museum will be filled to the brim with balloons for the *Balloon BLAST Scavenger Hunt*. Visitors of any age can pop the balloons to obtain skill-testing questions and then track down the answers within the Museum. Stethoscopes and reflex hammers will also be provided that allow visitors to explore other special sounds. The Museum of Health Care is extending its hours on the 18<sup>th</sup> so museum-goers can drop in any time between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. LOUD DAY! is a partnership between the City of Kingston's Cultural Services Department and KAM.

All three events take place at the Museum of Health Care, 32 George Street. For more information visit [www.museumofhealthcare.ca](http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca).

This May also watch for a nursing history event: "*The Purpose-Built Nurses' Residence: Creating Space for Women in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Health Care in Canada*" on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Museum is co-presenting this event with the KGH Nurses' Alumnae. Visit [www.museumofhealthcare.ca/nursing](http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca/nursing) for details.

Science Rendezvous official website: <http://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/2011/queens-university/>

United Way Success By 6 website: <http://www.successby6kfla.ca/>

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