

Media Advisory April 04, 2016

## Birthday Party for the Museum of Health Care

(KINGSTON, ON) – The Museum will hold a special birthday reception on Tuesday April 12, 2016, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, following its Annual General Meeting for members. Official remarks begin at 5pm with the Honourable Peter Milliken and the Museum's Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Ian Fraser.

"It's an afternoon to celebrate one of Kingston's most unique cultural gems and the only museum dedicated to the history of health and healthcare in Canada!" says Curator Maxime Chouinard.

In 2016 the Museum of Health Care celebrates 25 years of bringing Canada's healthcare story to life. First conceived in 1988, the Museum was born in 1991 when it began to build collections of medical and general health artefacts from across Canada. The collection is now over 45,000 artefacts.

The Museum strives to preserve the material history of our medical and healthcare past with the goal of enhancing understanding of the history of health and health care, particularly in Canada. The Museum of Health Care acquires, conserves, researches, displays, and interprets artefacts that help to tell these stories. The Museum also serves as a primary resource for scholarly work in the history of health care.

"The Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is our opportunity to optimize capacity building initiatives in order to better achieve and advance the Museum's mission which is *to acquire, conserve, research, display, and interpret artefacts that help tell the story of health and health care in Canada,*" states Dr. Hugh Gorwill, President of the Board of Directors at the Museum of Health Care.

"We are celebrating this milestone all year long by bringing a series of programs, lectures, and events to engage our community like never before," says Program Director and Museum Manager Jenny Stepa. "We look forward to thanking all our supporters and celebrating 25 years with our community."

**The Museum of Health Care invites the media to cover the event.** RSVP is required. To RSVP call 613-548-2419, e-mail info@museumofhealthcare.ca.

Location: 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site Date: Tuesday April 12, 2016 Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm RSVP: By April 09, 2016 at 613-548-2419 or info@museumofhealthcare.ca



The Museum of Health Care is turning 25! We're celebrating the Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary all year long with exciting events, projects and programs to thank our community for its support and interest. To discover what's happening next, check our website: www.museumofhealthcare.ca

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